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Newsline

New mayor in charge

ALBANY — Elizabeth Baker was elected mayor of Albany and Mike Brodsky vice mayor in the city council's traditional spring reorganization at Monday night's meeting.

Outgoing mayor Bill Cain's farewell address thanking fellow councilmembers, staff and citizens for their cooperation and listing the accomplishments and disappointments of his year in office received a standing ovation by those present.

A reception for the city's new officers followed the meeting.

Commission post open

EL CERRITO — Volunteers interested in serving on the Human Relations Commission are invited to submit their applications by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 27. An unscheduled vacancy was created by the resignation of Commissioner Carmel McKay whose term expires Jan. 15, 1995.

The Human Relations Commission was created to develop positive human relationships in the community through education, encouragement of greater respect and understanding and support of equal opportunity rights under the law.

Besides developing appropriate programs (such as its sponsorship of the Martin Luther King Day celebration), the commission is also charged with evaluating and making recommendations to the city council regarding any discrimination charges levied against the city.

Members are to generally represent the demographics of El Cerrito, including diversity in racial and ethnic heritage, religion, age and gender. The commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center Craft Room; it is chaired by Joseph Chinn.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., or by calling the city clerk at 215-4305 during business hours.

Parent drug education

ALBANY — "Drugs! In Albany? Bridging the Gap," an evening dedicated to parent education and confidence building, will be held next Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Middle School Library.

The drug information program, sponsored by the school district, the Middle School PTA and the Albany Prevention Council, will feature a report on the current status of drug use in Albany by Police Chief Larry Murdo, the teen drug scene by Ralph Cantor, director of the student assistance program, a teen panel and suggestions for parents by facilitator Donna Erickson.

Refreshments and child care will be provided. For information call 526-3203.

Amendment on agenda

EL CERRITO — The City Council will decide at its May 3 meeting whether to rescind the Redevelopment Plan Amendment recently passed or to submit the plan to a public vote. The need to make such a decision results from a petition drive which generated over 2,500 signatures asking for a referendum on the matter.

Petition organizer Beverly Gent said that 2,501 signatures were officially certified last week by Contra Costa County.

Redevelopment Program Manager Gerry Raycraft said that he does not expect that staff will make a recommendation on the issue but that someone will offer the pros and cons of each option for council consideration.

Staff has not yet determined which office will develop the list of advantages and disadvantages for presentation, Raycraft said, but his assumption is that the city manager will do so.

Breakfast is served

EL CERRITO — The Rotary Club will hold its 35th annual pancake breakfast to benefit Portola Junior High and other community service projects on Sunday, April 25, 8 a.m. to noon at the Cerrito City Club, 1600 Kearney St.

Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and children under 12.

Tickets are available at the door.

Lend a hand on trails

East Bay Regional Park Trail Days this Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25, will include projects on the Grizzly Canyon Trail in Wildcat Canyon Regional Park in Richmond, and the Selby Trail in Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley.

At both sites volunteers will rehabilitate existing trail sections and work on erosion projects.

Work begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m., after which volunteers will be treated to a barbecue in a nearby picnic area.

They will also receive a California Trail Days T-shirt and a patch.

Participants should wear sturdy shoes, work clothes and gloves, and should bring snacks and water. Tools will be provided.

For more information or to volunteer call Robert Pokorny at 635-0135, ext. 2609, or Kathleen Fusek at 215-2515.



Top: Camphor trees shadow Sears home; Janet Sears and medications

Commission grants trees a reprieve

By Dave Greer

The two large camphor trees slated for removal on the East side of Carmel Avenue at Portland Avenue have been spared—at least for a few weeks.

At an emotionally charged hearing featuring tears and the threat of a lawsuit against the city, the Albany Park and Recreation Commission voted 5-2 to put off a decision on removal of the trees and referred the matter back to staff for more information and further study.

The Public Works Department accepted an application by Walter and Janet Sears of 1427 Portland Ave. for removal of the healthy trees

on the grounds that Janet Sears was highly allergic to them. But neighbors fighting to save the trees appealed the department's notice of intent to issue a permit for their removal and turned out in force to make their case.

Walter Sears told the commission that his wife is "unable to spend most evenings at our home. We either have to go to motels or our daughter's homes to sleep because of the allergic reaction, violent coughing and the constriction in her throat."

"The trees that we have asked to have removed are the ones that blow

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Albany puts hold on tree removal

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Reacting to two recent brouhahas over tree removals, the City Council Monday night halted cutting down trees in city parks until a policy is written and adopted.

At the request of the Park and Recreation Commission, the council put a moratorium on park tree removal, excepting one dead tree in Terrace Park, and approved a lengthy schedule for the staff, commission and council to draft and adopt a new set of rules.

The moratorium was sparked by residents' shock at the city's hasty removal March 1 of two eugenia trees in Memorial Park without prior consultation. During scheduled trimming by the Diamond Tree

Service, the trees were inspected by Parks Superintendent Larry Garcia and an arborist who found the trees to be victims of terminal oak root fungus.

During the tree-cutting moratorium, only park trees deemed by Director of Public Works Ron Lefler or, in his absence, City Administrator John Nachbar to be a "clear and immediate danger" will be cut down.

The council also put over for one year further work on a contract with Diamond Tree Service to remove 11 eucalyptus trees along Solano Avenue because of structural and health problems as recommended in a 1989 study by horticultural consultants Barrie D. Coates and Associates.

Five trees have been cut down at 1003, 1102, 1106, 1516 and 1554

Solano. Removal of the other six trees at 1211, 1241, 1216-B, 1406, 1477 and 1486 Solano was put on hold by the council last November. The council authorized stump removal, sidewalk repair and planting of five replacement trees as requested by Public Works Director Ron Lefler.

Adding fuel to tree controversy flames was city approval in February to remove two camphor trees near Memorial Park requested by residents citing severe allergic reaction. A neighborhood appeal to removal of the trees was put over last week by the Park and Recreation Commission pending receipt of further information.

While Albany has no ordinance

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El Cerrito ponders budgeting Pokorny: Staff's hard work helps service continue

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — City manager Gary Pokorny shared with the City Council Monday night some of the staff's thinking concerning budget planning, including accomplishments of the past year and assumptions staff members are making about the city's financial position next year.

In general, Pokorny said, the city experienced a good year in 1992-93, with "very good service levels" maintained, though the number of full-time employees had dropped from 150 to 123 since 1991-92. He pointed to hard work, dedication and creativity from the city's employees as one reason for the good state of services.

Salaries were raised for police and firefighters (honoring the final year of multi-year contracts), he said, while there were no salary

'In the U.S. today there are more private police...than public police forces'

—NORMAN LA FORCE

increases for civilian employees.

Pokorny also listed numerous special accomplishments.

In the area of safety, for example, he pointed to such things as the restoration of the Wildcat Canyon firebreak, fuel clearing and trail restoration at the Hillside Natural Area, and the raising of \$52,000 for fire hazard reduction by community volunteers.

In the area of redevelopment, Pokorny pointed to the opening of the Target store and Del Norte Place, the near-completion of Home Depot — which he called a "good example of cooperation with Richmond," and the undergrounding of utility lines in the north San Pablo Avenue area as examples of special accomplishments.

Facilities improvements included volunteer tree plantings and a voter-approved bond for storm drain reconstruction, he said, while changes in organization, such as the installation of a new property records/lease management system and sharing of an interim planning director with Albany, were also successful.

Among a variety of other accomplishments, Pokorny mentioned the development of the

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Science whiz kids better than the rest

ALBANY — High school students Mike Wang, Ben Rudiak-Gould, Zach Teitler, Ilkay Can and Matthew Siebert returned to Albany this week as National Champions in the U. S. Department of Energy's third annual National Science Bowl. The team won top honors in the finals held last weekend in Washington, D.C.

The team, under the tutelage of Albany science teacher Bruce Downing, finished first in the Bay Area regional meeting in February, earning the right to compete in the national meet.

Over 15,000 science students from 3,000 high schools vied for regional honors with the best teams from 44 high schools competing in the Washington finals.

The goal of the nationwide academic competition is to increase interest in math, engineering and general science in American schools. Questions cover biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, earth science and other scientific topics.

Albany's National Champions will now buckle down and sharpen up in preparation for the International Science Bowl to be held this summer in England or Australia.

Albany seeks corp yard site

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — After considering alternative sites for the long-planned relocation and expansion of the city's corporation yard, the City Council last week voted 4 to 1 to continue talks for a land exchange with Hill Lumber. If an agreement is reached, the city will move the yard to San Gabriel Avenue near the BART tracks.

Hill, who closed the lumber operation in 1991, plans to build up to 156 residential units on the four-and-a-half acre site on Brighton Avenue. The city's corp yard, housing public works offices and storage lot for heavy equipment, would be in the middle of any new residential development if not moved.

"Hill has the doughnut and the city has the hole," Mayor Bill Cain said.

If the deal goes through, the city will acquire a 32,640-square-foot parcel along the eastern boundary of the Hill property in exchange for the city's 7,500-square-foot plot next to Cougar Field, about \$100,000 in cash, a 5.5 foot strip of street right-of-way along Brighton, cost of ground water monitoring and payment of owners share of property survey costs.

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Child care center contract awarded for Memorial Park

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Work will begin the first week in May on the child care center in Memorial Park following the awarding of the building contract last week to Pyramid Construction Co. of Albany. Original plans for the 3,200 square-foot center were scaled back after all first round bids came in over budget.

Accommodating 60 children, the day care center with play area in back will be built on the site now occupied by a horseshoe pit east of the Veterans Building.

Minor cost-lowering changes to the original plans include a simplified structure and a foundation requiring less excavation and earth-moving, according to Engineering Assistant Jason Baker. The exterior, designed to match the architecture of the Veterans Building, was not altered, he said.

Pyramid's low bid was \$375,000. An additive alternate of \$11,800 for a full fire protection system brings the total contract to \$386,800 for the project, funded by a federal Community Development Block grant.

After the new center opens for business sometime in September, the clubhouse in the park now used for youth-related activities will be demolished.

Fence makes hours official

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Recycling Center has a new addition — a fence around the entire area that will enforce adherence to the center's official hours of operation.

The fence isn't designed to keep out citizens who are simply coming to leave their recyclables but to deter people who have been misusing the facility, said Susan Katchee, the city's integrated waste manager.

The basic reason, she said, is illegal dumping. After hours, when there are no employees or other patrons to

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Letters to the Editor

We need trees in El Cerrito

Editor:

The letter to the editor by Norma Grijalva in The Journal criticized the City of El Cerrito for wasting taxpayers' money by applying for a grant to plant trees and for hiring a consultant to inventory the condition of existing city trees. She also suggested that planting trees along the BART path was increasing crime.

As volunteers with the Greenway tree planting project, we found her criticisms perplexing and misinformed. The Small Business Administration Grant to which she referred is designed to provide cities money to hire small landscaping and horticulture businesses to help with tree planting projects. In addition to providing the city an inexpensive opportunity to improve the image of the community, it would have provided volunteers the opportunity to participate, contributing to the community spirit that we saw surface so dramatically during the Ohlone Greenway planting of the past two years. From a business, municipal, as well as community perspective it made good sense to apply for the grant.

El Cerrito intended to use this grant to plant 400 trees next year. Ms. Grijalva claimed that the plan was to plant 361 trees a year. To the contrary the application was just for one year. Because of the strained financial condition of the city, El Cerrito scaled back its grant request to one fourth of what it was eligible for—\$50,000 versus \$200,000. The required up-front contribution from the city of 20 percent would have been too demanding as part of a larger request. In spite of the modesty of El Cerrito's proposal, the SBA declined El Cerrito's application for this year. The competition amongst cities was very keen—twice as many cities applied as could be awarded grants.

City losing trees

Ms. Grijalva stated, "We have 2,518 trees. In our financial straits, these should be sufficient." Unfortunately we are losing these trees. According to an inventory created by arborist Tom Pehrson, the city has lost 50 percent of its public trees in the last 20 years due to natural mortality, disease, drought, and lack of funds to replace dying trees. The average American city has 120 trees per mile of street. El Cerrito has about half that number, with about a fifth of those in a state of decline. Mr. Pehrson in his report writes, "El Cerrito is among the 18.5 percent of California cities which have experienced a net decline in the number of trees in their urban forest."

El Cerrito is continuing to lose trees. Untrained residents are badly pruning street trees in front of their homes causing them permanent damage, and the city's inadequate tree care practices of the past have resulted in even more losses. The city inappropriately planted trees such as Chinese Elm, Ironbark Eucalyptus, and Liquidambar that account for the majority of maintenance and liability problems.

Knowledge is cost-effective

To the city's credit, several years ago it actively sought to improve its knowledge of tree planting and care. It is now in a much better position to conduct an intelligent, cost-effective tree program. Toward this end, two years ago the City hired professional arborist Tom Pehrson to create a database of the city's existing trees. Ms. Grijalva claimed that this job could have been given to a city employee, but this underestimates the knowledge of a skilled arborist like Mr. Pehrson. In his database he classified trees by species, condition, size, and age. He also compiled detailed information about tree sites: size of the planting site, presence of overhead wires, condition of the sidewalk, as well as other pertinent facts. This information will insure a better fit between tree species and future planting, preventing tree problems so they do not become financial liabilities. Just by preventing future sidewalk damage caused by ill-chosen trees, the inventory will pay for itself several times over. And the database was structured so that such information, locations, and maintenance records are easily accessible. It is precisely the belief that urban forestry doesn't require any unusual amount of skill or knowledge that is contributing to the decline of El Cerrito's trees.

Trees don't promote crime

Ms. Grijalva also expressed the fear that trees planted along the Greenway will increase crime. The National Parks Service has done surveys of people's attitudes about greenway projects. Before

the development of a greenway, people often express the fear that the greenway will attract crime. However studies show no significant rise in crime occurs. Nonetheless, volunteers will be pruning the lower branches of trees as necessary to provide good visibility for greenway users.

Generally crime ridden neighborhoods are those barren of vegetation, not those with lots of greenery. In fact, studies show that property values near greenways typically rise. Greenways that are attractive and well used are safer for the community than those used infrequently. We have been impressed with the increased number of people of all ages using the Greenway since our planting program began.

Consultation is a good habit

Ms. Grijalva complained that demonstration street trees were planted using city money without citizen approval. The street tree demonstration planting was approved long ago as part of the Greenway planting and was paid for by a grant from State Proposition 111. Before the Greenway planting began, volunteers along with the city held hearings to inform the public of the entire Greenway project. Citizens received both appropriate notice and time for comment well before final decisions were made and grant money was spent. Citizen volunteers planted the trees. The project is the product of many thousands of hours of work contributed by over 200 volunteer participants. Throughout this time, local newspapers documented the planning and planting process.

Our experience is that El Cerrito has been conscientious about keeping the citizenry informed about tree projects. We believe that the welfare of the community is best served when consultation becomes a habit with everyone. We invite Ms. Grijalva in the future to consult with us or the city about her facts to avoid any misunderstandings she might have about our community's tree programs.

We welcome any interested citizens to join the Greenway Volunteers for one or more of the Greenway maintenance days. This is one of numerous opportunities for citizens to volunteer to help their city. In the process of contributing to our city's well-being, we can all develop informed relationships with our fellow citizens and our city employees and elected officials. We'll be having a maintenance day on April 24, meeting 9 a.m. at Blake Street and the Ohlone Greenway. We are growing trees and harvesting friendships as our reward. Please come out and share what we've learned about trees in El Cerrito.

El Cerrito Greenway Volunteers:
Jim Russell, Anne Delellunt, Marion Russell, Grant Ricketts, Eleanor M. Pehrson, Steve Price, Sean McCormack, Miyako Tanaka, Terry Kelly, Steve Batchelder, Margie Cochran, Bob Pehrson, Ralph Leon, Eileen Leon, Jeff Cruzan

Marin speeders a threat

Editor:

I have been interested in letters from readers regarding obeying laws, especially traffic laws. I have a case in point I wish to make.

I live on the south side of Marin Avenue in Albany. I cross Marin every day, and I have never yet been able to do so without seeing speeding cars on Marin. Most drivers stay at around 35 to 40 miles/hour, but occasionally someone zips by at about 50. My eyes are too poor, and my brain too slow, to see the license plates, and call in and report individual drivers, though sometimes I am sorely tempted. I therefore have a couple of questions:

Wouldn't it be a good idea to increase both the safety of Albany residents and the income for the city by catching the speeders? The fines are quite high, I understand, and I guess that the percentage from speeding tickets for, say, one week per month, ought to pay for the increased time and effort for the police. I would like to know if it would be cost-effective, and if so, if it would not be a good idea to catch drivers during commute hours, especially near Marin, Cornell and Middle Schools and school crossings? Santa Fe Avenue, from Marin to Gilman, is another speedway, but the problem on Marin Avenue is more obvious and ought to be a good source of revenue for the city.

I feel as if I take my life into my feet every time I cross Marin, even when I cross at the lights, on green. I would appreciate if the drivers on Marin obeyed the posted speed limit of 25 miles/hour, and I think the only way to get them to do so is to catch, on a regular basis, a fair number for speeding! Marin has become a major feeder road to the freeway for residents of the hills, and too many Albany residents are, in my opinion, exposed to danger along the route.

I have another question for the speeders: Do you not

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Police Reports

Woman loses clothes, food and money to thief

By Dave Greer

ALBANY — Shortly after 3 p.m. April 17 an Albany woman told police that a man with a small black revolver robbed her while she was walking in the 1100 block of Marin Avenue. Along with her wallet and \$60, the man took bags containing clothes and food. He left in a yellow Cadillac.

A little after 10 p.m. April 17 residents in the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue told police that a man fired two or three shots at the house from a reddish maroon car and departed. The man was described as possibly Hispanic, 30 to 40 years old with a thick head of hair and a mustache.

Officers responded to a complaint of a loud party in the 1200 block of Key Route Boulevard late in the evening of April 17. Early the next morning officers were called to quiet down another noisy gathering in the 800 block of Stannage Avenue.

A Richmond woman was reported having a "temper tantrum" at the Albany Bowl about 11 p.m. April 17. Police found she had a \$1,686 warrant from Berkeley and

arrested her.

An employee of the Solano Avenue Safeway Store told police that two black males stole six boxes of toilet tissue from the loading dock about 9:30 a.m. on April 16. He said they departed in a medium grey 1985 Ford.

A woman found a cockatiel at the MacGregor School about 6 p.m. on April 16. The owner may contact the police to retrieve the bird.

Two juveniles were picked up by police in the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue hiding beside a building shortly past 2 a.m. on April 18. They were in possession of a slingshot and a bag of marbles, screw drivers, chisels, spray varnish, model glue, correction fluid, caulking compound, and eggs. The boys were reprimanded and released to their parents.

About 2:30 p.m. April 17 a resident of the 1200 block of Portland Avenue told police that somebody had broken his window with a marble.

A boy riding his bike in the 700 block of Curtis Street told police he was stopped by a black male about

17 or 18 years of age who told him to "get off" and stole the motorcycle on the afternoon of April 14. The thief was described as wearing blue pants and jacket with a red and white emblem on the back, and a black baseball cap with an Atlanta Falcons emblem.

Shortly past 10 p.m. on April 14 an Albany man told police he left his motorcycle for about 10 minutes near the corner of Carlos and Solano avenues and returned to find it had been stolen.

An Oakland man whose pickup truck had expired license plates contacted by police about 1 p.m. April 15. The owner had six tickets and an expired registration. The truck was towed. A Berkeley juvenile told police that one of two black male juveniles punched him twice shortly before 3 p.m. on April 14 in the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue and made off with his bicycle.

About 2:30 p.m. April 17 a woman who resides in the 900 block of Stannage Avenue reported that somebody had broken the rear side window of her 1976 Dodge Dart.

Burglar removes burger restaurant lights, camera

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A burglar took the security camera and one flood light from the rooftop of McDonald's between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. April 4. A second floodlight was disconnected but not taken.

An unknown person fired several rounds from a 9mm gun in the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue at 1:45 a.m. on March 20. Casings were found at the scene.

Two male juveniles (a Kensington and an Oakland resident) were arrested after they were observed prying open the trunk lock of a vehicle. The boys were found to be in possession of burglary tools, a dagger and a stereo with the serial numbers removed. The incident occurred in the parking lot of El Cerrito High School on the afternoon of April 1.

During the night of April 1, someone used a key to enter the PG&E lot, then used bolt cutters to enter a company trailer. A steel bar was then used to pry open storage lockers. Cash, electronics and miscellaneous items, as well as a truck, were reported stolen.

Bicycles were reported stolen from in front of the library on the afternoon of March 30, from a backyard in the 1200 block of Liberty Street during the night of April 5, and from a rack in the 10600 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of April 3.

A 1975 Toyota Celica was reported stolen from the 1900 block of Key Boulevard.

Three vehicle theft attempts were reported. Steering columns were smashed in a 1986 Toyota pickup parked in the 1700 block of Liberty Street at 4 a.m. on March 27 and in a 1986 Olds Cutlass parked in a San Pablo Avenue lot (11700 block) during the night of March 26.

On March 25, someone broke the window of a 1986 Olds Cutlass parked on Gill Street between Pearlless and San Pablo Avenues, then entered the car and

broke a chunk of metal from the steering column.

A woman reported that someone attempted to take her dog, then brandished something shiny at her at 9:45 p.m. on March 30.

In acts of vandalism, someone shot a BB gun at a residential window in the 500 block of Norvell Street between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on March 24; a BB gun was also used to shoot the window of a vehicle parked in the Trevino's lot between 9 p.m. and 10:50 p.m. on April 2.

A tire was slashed in the 400 block of Colusa Avenue on March 25; a door was spray painted on a residence in the 3300 block of Santa Clara between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. April 3. During the night of March 18, someone broke the side mirror of a vehicle parked in the 8800 block of

Terrace Drive; a rear window smashed in a vehicle parked in the 1300 block of Richmond Street during the night of April 2.

Two Albany juveniles were arrested in connection with property theft from a vehicle parked in Cerrito Plaza at 8:30 p.m. on April 2. Miscellaneous items were reported stolen from the car, which was unlocked.

An Oakland woman was arrested for shoplifting at Payless.

There were 26 cars mailed abandoned.

An El Cerrito man was arrested for possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

An Oakland man was arrested for shopping at the gun shop, Carlson Boulevard with a concealed gun in his pocket.

Fire chiefs agree on numbers ID for county emergency vehicles

The Alameda County Fire Chiefs Association says it will implement a new identification system for emergency vehicles as part of an effort to reduce confusion at emergencies.

According to the association, the system was developed in response to confusion during the 1989 earthquake and the East Bay hills fire when several cities dispatched similarly named emergency vehicles to the scenes.

This new system will assign four-digit numbers to each fire vehicle in the county.

The first two numbers will identify what city or county and the vehicle comes from and the second two numbers denote function or type of apparatus.

The number will be used by radio dispatchers and placed on front and rear of the vehicles.

Correction

In last week's photo accompanying the article on the new Silver Dollar restaurant, the two people pictured were incorrectly identified as Gene and Vivian Agnitsch. Actually pictured are two of the restaurant's current co-owners: Tony Agnitsch and Mary Ann Powell.

The Journal regrets the error.

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New set of wheels for Elvis and company

Lisa Dunn, corporate relations manager for Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America Inc., hands on big key to Albany officers Sgt. Art (the Lawman) Clemons, Police Chief Larry Murdo, and Sgt. Bill "Elvis" Palmieri. The 1992 Mitsubishi Montero will be used as the official vehicle for the Chief Operator teen driver program which is touring 155 Bay Area schools.

Budget cuts mean hard times for law enforcers

Bay City News

Contra Costa County's top manager said Tuesday the county would have to eliminate as many as 1,000 positions if the state legislature approves a plan to raise local property taxes to balance the state budget.

County Administrator Phil Batchelor said Contra Costa would be forced to close its new \$50 million West County jail and make deep cuts in law enforcement if the state adopts Gov. Pete Wilson's proposal for a \$2.6 billion shift of property taxes from local to state coffers.

At a news conference in Martinez, Batchelor released a report summarizing the potential impact on all county programs of a tax shift that Batchelor said would cost Contra Costa between \$72 and \$106 million.

According to Batchelor, Wilson's plan would result in the layoffs of 300 of the 800 sheriff's deputies in the county.

"Patrols in the unincorporated areas will be almost non-existent," Batchelor said.

"The only time they're going to see an officer is when there's a crime being committed or something very serious like a homicide."

Batchelor said layoffs in the District Attorney's Office and probation would force the county to abandon the prosecution of 30,000 misdemeanors a year and to leave adults on probation without supervision.

The loss of hundreds of positions in health and welfare slots would scale back efforts to help

abused children, the mentally ill, residents without medical insurance and those needing alcohol and drug abuse treatment, Batchelor said.

Of the county's 6,200 employees, a total of 1,050 positions could be lost, he said.

He said he did not know how many of the threatened positions are now filled.

Batchelor had asked all county department heads to outline the service cuts they would have to implement under a 40 percent budget reduction.

The Board of Supervisors was set to hear the reports in Tuesday and Wednesday.

Batchelor said copies of the report will be sent to the governor and each state legislator in the hope that they will change their minds on the tax shift once confronted with the potential local impacts.

But Batchelor denied that his dire projections are part of an annual ritual in which the counties "cry wolf" to influence the state budget process and later back down on threatened program cuts.

Last year Contra Costa eliminated 606 jobs and slashed \$55 million from its budget of nearly \$600 million after the state withdrew \$1.3 billion from local governments, Batchelor said.

When Batchelor directed his department chiefs to prepare for 40 percent cuts early this year, state officials were predicting they would have to close a \$7.5 billion deficit for 1993-94.

That projection has now grown to a potential \$10 billion, Batchelor said.

Tom Bates talks to Demo club

EL CERRITO — The public is invited to hear Assemblyman Tom Bates when he visits El Cerrito April 27 as the guest speaker for the El Cerrito Democratic Club.

Bates chairs the Assembly Committee of Human Services, and has supported funding for social programs and education in the face of budget cuts demanded by governors Deukmejian and Wilson.

He will talk about this year's budget crisis and the possibilities

for finding new revenue sources as an alternative to more cuts in state-funded programs.

The meeting will be held at the Castro Park Clubhouse, 1420 Norvell St. at 7:30 p.m.

It is free to the public and light refreshments will be served.

For more information call club president Jean Brown at 527-2928 or club secretary Betty Segal at 524-5619.



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Performances

Composaramal at the University Art Museum on Sunday, April 25 at 3:30 p.m. features works by graduate student composers. 428-2535. Berkeley pianist Lynn Schugren presents a recital including works by Scriabin, Copland, Beethoven and Schumann on Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m. at Berkeley Piano Club, 2724 Haste St. \$10. Wayne Corbitt, "Black Bird's Boogie in the Black Moonlight," will be at Berkeley Art Center April 30 and May 1 at 8 p.m. Corbitt's poetry-based performance "explores the dangerous and dark part of gay life in the city." \$8. 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 644-6893.

UC-Berkeley graduate students perform *The Fog* by Eugene O'Neill on Wednesday and Thursday, April 28-29 at 8 p.m. at Durham Studio Theatre in Dwinelle Hall. Free.

Junglist Apart performs at San Pablo Park, 2800 Park, Berkeley, in a benefit for Grace Children's Academy on Sunday, April 25. Spring festival runs 1-5 p.m. 653-1115 for information.

La Pena: Karumanta Jamuyku performs Andean music on Friday, April 23 at 8:30 p.m., \$8; Raíces AfroCubanas dances Sunday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. \$8. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Trinity Chamber Concerts hosts Maureen Brennan, cellist, with Michael Harmon, guitar and vocals, on Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m. at Trinity Chapel, Dana Street between Bancroft and Durant, Berkeley. \$6/\$5. 549-3864.

Eighth Street Studio and Wendy Blakeley host "Works in the Works" performance series. April 25: Marcy Risque; James Rider, John Doyle; Deborah Stone; Randy Rutherford; Andrea Farber/Karen Penley. Host: Cheryl Chaddick. 652-2699.

Ashkenazim April 22: Motor Dude Zydeco, Bayou Pon Pon and Zydeco Flames in a benefit for the Gator Ball, 9 p.m., \$6-\$10; April 23: Vox Do Brazil and Aquarela, 9:30 p.m., \$8; April 24: Joe Higgs, 11 p.m. and Island Machine, 9:30 p.m., \$9; April 25: Joyful Noise Jazz Band, dance music of the '20s, 4-6 p.m., \$5; and Mancheg, anti-SLAPP benefit, 8 p.m., \$6-\$12; April 27: Forgorates, 8 p.m., \$5; April 28: Auxojujals, 9 p.m., preceded by dance lesson at 8 p.m., \$5. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 526-7858.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra performs Mozart with Baroque Choral Guild Saturday, April 24 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. First Congregational Church, Durant and Dana streets, Berkeley. \$19-\$27. (415) 392-4400.

Paul O'Dette performs on the lute at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 25 at Hertz Hall, UC-Berkeley. \$18.

El Teatro Campesino performs at Zellerbach Playhouse Thursday, April 22, through Sunday, April 25. \$18. Alvin Alley American Dance Theater is at Zellerbach Hall April 23-25 and April 30, May 1-2. UC-Berkeley. 642-9988 or fax 643-6707.

Noon Hertz Hall concert Wednesday, April 28, presents new works from Jorge Liderman's graduate composition seminar. Free. 12:15-1 p.m.

Bert Gillick reads a new play, *Liz And Iez Strata*, loosely based on Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*, on Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. at La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley. \$3.

Jewel Blackinger, Elizabeth Overmyer and Michael Orland perform an afternoon of fable, music and song on Saturday, April 24, 7 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Benefits National Junior Tennis League. \$10/\$7. 237-8422 days.

Slavayanka men's Slavic chorus performs the Shvedov Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom on Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. \$12/\$8. (415) 979-8690.

Freight & Salvage tonight, April 22: John Rembourt; April 23: Dan Hicks and the Acoustic Warriors; April 24: Teresa Chandler, Teresa Tull and Nancy Vogt; April 28: Butch Hancock. Doors open 7:30 p.m.; Music 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11:11 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Tea Spot Cafe, tonight, April 22: Dep Five, Lisa Palley and The Irrationals. 2072 San Pablo Ave., 848-7376.

Hua Kun Opera Company performs the U.S. premiere of Fan Ma Ji on Friday,

April 30 at 8 p.m. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC-Berkeley. \$16/\$14/\$8. 642-9988.

Hardback Theater presents *The Males* by Jean Genet, April 16, 17, and 19, at Eighth Street Studio, Berkeley. 8:30 p.m. 883-1639. \$5; no one turned away for lack of funds.

Starry Plough welcomes tonight, April 22: Weil of Souls, Jazz Poetry, Lounge; April 23: Jeffrey Halford, Jerry Wagers, Ira Marlowe; April 24: Church Prophet and the Creatures of Habit, Cakes; April 25: The Claddagh Band; April 28: Big Sandy, Nick Rossi and the Bluenotes. Mondays: Traditional Irish dance and music sessions beginning at 7 p.m.; Tuesdays: Darts. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Jonathan Butler opens at Kimball's East on April 28. 5800 Shellmound, Emeryville. 585-2555.

St. Mary's College High School puts on "Guys and Dolls" April 22-25 at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 84-JULIA.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley presents Mollere's *Tartuffe* Fridays and Saturdays through May 8 (Thursday performance May 6). Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck (at Berryman). 528-5620.

Berkeley Theater Project presents *Alice in Wonderland* adapted by Andrew Gregory and The Manhattan Theater Project. For the entire family. Thursdays through Sundays through May 2. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. \$10/\$15; 528-1-BTP for reservations.

East Bay Center for the Performing Arts presents the Young Artists Repertory Series on Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, at 8 p.m., 339 11th St. (at MacDonald), Richmond. \$6/\$3. 234-5624.

Eighth Street Studio and Shotgun Players' productions of David Mamet's *All Men are Whores* and *The Shawl* continue at La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid, Berkeley, Thursdays through Saturdays through April 24. \$10/\$8. 869-4669.

Berkeley Rep presents Ibsen's *The Lady From the Sea* with Norwegian actress Juni Dahr through April 30. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. 845-4700.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

"Dancing Along the Danube" is a program of folk music, dances and songs performed by Vassili Moutrian and company; the audience will be invited to join the dancing after the performance on Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m. Benefit for Transylvanian Unitarians. Reserve at 235-4252 or 848-3942. First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center holds a "Week of Remembrance" April 18-24 for Yom Hashoah and Yom Hazikaron. Feature programs and hot kosher lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — April 19: Stories of Remembrance with Ursula Sherman; April 22: Leni Siegel leads readings and stories about the Holocaust and creation of Israel; April 21, 8 p.m.: Bubbe Meises, a musical tribute to immigrant grandmothers; April 24, 8:30 p.m.: Yom Hazikaron service; May 2, 3 at 7 p.m.: Yom Ha'atzmaut Party. Call 848-0237 for information.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1282, meets April 27, 1 p.m. at Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Stannage Ave. Joseph Green speaks.

Nancy Cameron Armstrong talks on quilts about war to East Bay Heritage Quilters. "The Friendship Knot" is scheduled for April 26 at First Unitarian Church, Kensington. 848-5719.

Bloch Lecture Series at UC-Berkeley presents Susan McClary on "Revealing in the Rubble: The Postmodern Condition." April 26, 4 p.m. Elkus Room, 125 Morrison Hall, UC.

UC Botanical Garden hosts a free lecture by Professor Arthur Kruckeberg of the University of Washington on "The Saga of the Serpentine: Plants and People" on Sunday, April 25 at 7 p.m. 642-3352. April 27: "Bio-Control: Natural Enemies for Garden Pests." April 29: "Private Vineyard Estate Gardens of Napa Valley," an all-day tour. Reservations strongly advised. \$55/\$70. Mail to Friends of the Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, Berkeley 94720. 642-3343.

New Pieces classes — April 24, 1-5

p.m.: "Rubber Stamping on Fabric" with Laure Campbell and Judyaba, \$15. 1587 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6779.

"Herbal Healthcare for Infants and Children" with Karyn Sanders is the topic at Solano Avenue Natural Foods on Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m. Free. 1770 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6988.

Connie Knight tells Native American stories at The Nature Company on Saturday, April 24, noon to 1 p.m. 1999 El Dorado, Berkeley. 524-6336. At the 740 Hearst Street store, Singing Rainbow Youth Ensemble celebrates Earth Day from 1-2 p.m. 524-9052. Free. New Zealand Alliance's Matt McCarten will speak on the "Alliance of the Greens, the Maori Indigenous peoples, and the New Labor Party" on Wednesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. Dwinelle hall, UC-Berkeley. 415-241-1370.

Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph, Berkeley — Tuesday, April 27: Sandra Sturdevant and Brenda Stoltz, *Let the Good Times Roll: Prostitution and the U.S. Military in Asia*; Friday, April 30: Richard Tamas, *The Passion of the Western Mind: Understanding the Ideas That Have Shaped Our World View*. At 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Poetry at Cody's on April 25: Romanian poetry Liliana Ursu introduced by Tess Gallagher; April 28: Cecilia Vicuna and David Romtved.

Albany YMCA hosts an evening of polka on April 24, 7:30-8:30 p.m. lesson, 8:30-9:30 p.m., practice. \$5. 921 Kains. 525-1130.

Berkeley Hiking Club April 24-25: California Trail Day. Volunteer to maintain trails. Call Bill King (376-5095). April 25: Mount Tamalpais, 8:30 a.m. Lee Dorosin (415) 388-7896.

Twenty-sixth biennial California Writer's Conference will be held April 23-25 at Asilomar.

KPFA presents "Life in the Occupied Territories...of America," an evening with Ward Churchill, Native American author and coordinator of the Colorado Chapter of the American Indian Movement, April 23 at 8 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley. \$10. 848-6767, ext. 611.

David McMullen talk on "Cactus Blooms and Desert Solitude" tonight, April 22, 7 p.m. at R.E.I. California women climb trails. Arlene Blum, Susan Edwards and Nancy Kernebrock talk about their mountain adventures and their contributions to Leading Out, a collection of personal essays by 27 women climbers p.m. Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m. Free. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

GAIA Bookstore programs: Thursday, April 22: Naomi Lowinsky, "The Motherline: Everywoman's Journey to Find her Female Roots"; April 24: Jamie Sams, "The 13 Original Clan Mothers: Your Sacred Path to Discovering the Feminine"; April 26: Marion Woodman, "Leaving My Father's House: The Journey to Conscious Feminine"; April 27: Beth Hedva, "Journey From Betrayal to Trust: A Universal Rite of Passage"; April 28: Dena Taylor and Amber Sumerall, "The Time of Our lives: Women Write on Sex After 40." Book discussions at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Free with purchase of featured book, otherwise \$3. 1400 Shattuck, Berkeley. 848-GAIA.

Gathering Tribes hosts open mike for poets on Friday, April 23, 7-9 p.m.; "The Art of Navajo Mutton Stew" with Maria Begay is Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., \$20. Call for information, 528-9038; 1309F Solano Ave., Albany.

City Commons Club meets for luncheon April 23 with Nicholas J. Rizza on "The Plight of Refugees." Reserve at 848-3533.

North Berkeley Senior Center Programs — April 23: Big screen movie, *The Gods Must Be Crazy*; April 26: West Berkeley Senior Center Chorus performs at 1 p.m.; April 27: AC Transit passes and tickets for those 65 and over, 1-3 p.m.; friendly visitors party, 1:15 p.m.; April 28: "Everything You Wanted to Know and Were Afraid to Ask About AIDS," with Nacho Calderon, 1 p.m.; "Practical Tips on Household Tasks," with Irene McConnell, 1 p.m.; April 29: "Respiratory Virus and Infections, Protozoa, Immune System," with Grant Barish, UCB, 1 p.m. 1901 Hearst St., 644-6107.

East Bay Home Economists discuss "Research and Construction of Victorian Women's Clothing" on Wednesday, April 28 in El Cerrito. For information call 841-3213. Anyone with home economics degrees welcome.

Birthways classes — April 24, 1-2:30 p.m., CPR and How to Childproof; April 29: So Many Decisions, So Little Time, 7-8:30 p.m. 869-2797.

Kensington Senior Center will hold a meeting and group discussion on April 29, 11 a.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 528-9146.

China Forum presents Tu Weiming of Harvard and Thomas Metzger of the Hoover Institution on "The Question of Self-Awareness for Chinese Intellectuals Today: Two Views." Friday, April 30, 7 p.m. at Room 128 Barrows, UC-Berkeley. 644-3817.

Children's performers at Hilltop Mall April 24: Denys Adida, puppeteer and storyteller, 1 and 4 p.m.

Turning Point Career Center offers a lecture/discussion on "Software Sales" on Tuesday, April 27, noon to 1 p.m., \$3; Thursday, April 29, 6-8 p.m., an "Environmental Careers Forum" is scheduled, \$10; "Using Specific Language and Cultural Skills" will be discussed in an informal noon-hour presentation on Wednesday, April 28, \$5; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Staff and Friends of the El Cerrito Library host an open house April 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the library at 6510 Stockton. Refreshments, entertainment.

Free prostate screenings for minority men over the age of 50 will be available at West Contra Costa Urological Group during National Minority Cancer Awareness Week, April 18-24, 1-800-533-7379.

Building Education Center presents April 23: How to Get a Building Permit; April 24-25: When Homeowners Become Electra; April 24: Hardwood Floors; Photovoltaics; April 25: Alternative Building Materials. For fees and times call 525-7610.

New Light Senior Center, 2901 California St., Berkeley, is sponsoring an overnighter to Reno May 3-4 to benefit Meals on Wheels in South Berkeley. All ages. \$51 with \$27 cash back. 549-2666.

Friday folk dance weekly at Albany YMCA 921 Kains near Solano. Meet great folks, fun, exercise. Beginners, families welcome. 7:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. Information: 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Empty Gate Zen Center holds a free public introduction to Zen with Jeff Kitzes Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 11 a.m. 1800 Arch St., Berkeley. 548-7649. Everyone welcome.

KPFA presents "Life in the Occupied Territories...of America," an evening with Ward Churchill, Native American author and coordinator of the Colorado Chapter of the American Indian Movement, April 23 at 8 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Junior High School, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley. \$10. 848-6767, ext. 611.

Berkwood Hedge School presents "The 400 Steps: An Urban Hike Along Berkeley's Hidden Paths" led by John Stephen Altshuler. Walks begin every hour from John Hinkel Park (Southampton and The Arlington) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 25. \$15 covers a walk ticket and two raffle tickets. 843-5724.

Alta Bates Medical Center: Ongoing older adult services: Blood pressure checks first and third Wednesdays from 1-2:30 p.m.; cholesterol checks, third Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; hearing checks, third Thursdays, 2:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Appointments necessary, a fee is charged); 204-4475. LifeSpan exercise classes at South Berkeley Senior Center Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-11 a.m., and at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, 10-11:15 a.m., 841-4741; Cal Adult Sports Program, "Keep Moving," Tuesday and Thursday, 9:10 a.m. to 10 a.m., 643-5151. 204-4475.

UC Botanical Garden, Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley, presents Garden tours Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Dino Days garden tour daily through May 24. 642-3343.

La Leche League groups in South

Berkeley meets 10 a.m. May 19 at San Pablo Park Rec Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley. 849-4572.

Exhibits

"Women of the World," a show of oil paintings by Gail Feazell, is at Cafe Ariel, 1600 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, through April 30. 845-4300.

Watercolor paintings by Leonore Millan, Abby Meyer, Bob Newhall, Jim Selby, A. John Kammer and Judy Drogan are on display at Si Mangia, 1096 Dwight Way, Berkeley, through May 12. 843-4956.

"The Art Brut Connection" — An exhibit of Insight Art" including works by artists associated with La Reine Fabiola, a center for people with disabilities in Belgium, is at the National Institute of Art and Disabilities, 551 23rd St., Richmond, through May 7. 620-0290.

Center for Psychological Studies hosts "Beyond the Icon: Russian Conceptual Art" by Russian artist Vadim Vahrameev on Friday, April 30, 5-7 p.m. 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291. Graduate Theological Union shows a selection of recent painting by Hans Burkhardt through April 23. 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley.

Judah L. Magnes Museum — "Meditations Concealed and Revealed: Shoshana Greenberg, Adler Award Winner," through May 23. An exhibition of four mixed media pieces based upon rubbings and a large installation from this Adler Award winner. The Max and Sophie Adler Award is for sustained work on Jewish subject matter by a Bay area artist. "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf and My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: Four California Artists Confront Jewish Identity," through May 23. An exhibition of the winning works from competition among 170 California artists in the third Jewish Jewish Themes triennial. Artists include William Rosen, Laurie Polster, Rachel Schreiber and Elisse Pogofsky-Harris. Free. Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Heard Museum of Anthropology — "The Choir Invisible: Photographs of Western Cemeteries," through May 2. An exhibit of images and text taken from grave markers, epitaphs and offerings depicting expressions of community, ethnicity and sentiment found in 19th and 20th century cemeteries in California and Nevada. "Ishi and the Invention of Yahi Culture," ongoing exhibit. Lobby exhibit — "The Model Home: Architectural Models From Around the World," through June. Corridor cases — "Coyote: Cross-Cultural Icon," closing April 11. An examination of the folklore surrounding the coyote, the exhibit includes paintings, books, jewelry and amulets. \$1.50 general; 50 cents seniors; 25 cents children. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Bancroft Way and College Avenue, Berkeley. 642-3681.

The Berkeley Store Gallery — "Amy Evans: Sculpture," through May 15. An exhibition of sculpture ranging from life-size busts to small assemblages by the Bay area artist. Free. Tuesday through

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Kala Institute — "Kala Institute International Exhibition," through May 15, display of works by Margaretta Kala, Robert Broki, Tomoko Murakami, Herlinde Spahr, artists selected for a month internship at the Kala Institute during 1992-1993. Opening reception, April 8, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. 549-2977.

Weir Gallery — "Spring: Film, nowal," through April 17. Paintings, prints and sculpture by Tom Weir, Betsy Dubovsky, Al Farow, A. John Kammer, Harriet Moore, Roberta Weir and others. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 1605 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 8821.

Laney College Printmakers show is at La Pena through April 23. Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2572.

Glorgi Gallery presents "Masks and Jewels — Polymer Art 1" Show on Friday, April 9, with a reception, 6-8 p.m. Through May 16. 2911 Clement St., Berkeley. 849-4967.

Quilts of Allison Schwab, "Seasonal Themes," are on display at New Fabric and Chamber through May 23. Solano Ave., Berkeley. 527-6770.

Paintings by Tom Shultz are on display at the Fig Tree Gallery, 2599 El Cerrito Ave., Berkeley, through April 25. 540-0400.

Refractions presents "Elegance in Ice," photographs by John Blasdel, May 1. 600 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 527-8664.

"Spirit Speaks," a showing of photographs by Kaleo Ching and mixed media by Mark Wagner, runs through April 23. Opening tonight, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Performances and poetry. Gathering 1309 F Solano Ave., Albany. 526-0290.

Support Groups and Self Help

Alzheimer's Association offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. Information, call (800) 942-1333.

Arts Anonymous, a support group for artists to share emotions and feelings, meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the Park Recreation Hut, Berrymans Shattuck, Berkeley. 527-1243.

Brookside Hospital hosts the following support groups — Stroke, first day, 7 p.m.; Burn, first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Heart, fourth Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Cancer, second and fourth Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.; Ostomy, fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m.; Vale Road, San Pablo. Call 238-7010 for more information.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Dysfunctional) Families meet on Monday mornings at 10 a.m. at North Presbytery Church, Ashbury and Central and Lincoln, El Cerrito. Free.

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Twenty-four artists will have their individual and distinctive jewelry available. There are eight ceramic artists, three fiber and three card artists. Others areas represented include pottery, watercolors, photographs, fiber, children's clothes, fabric accessories, toys and slate vases.

There will be wood folk art, fused glass, stained glass, totes, paper sculpture, rustic birdhouses, needle work, gourds, plants, paintings, masks, paper products, glass, embroidery,

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The auto show will have vintage and classic cars ranging from a 1930 Ford Model A to a 1992 Springer Softail Harley Custom motorcycle.

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Along the way

On his way to Los Angeles to become an actor, John Cashman, manager of both Albany and Kensington Mason-McDuffie real estate offices, stopped in the Bay Area and liked it so much he decided to stay.

While owning and operating a collection agency, he started

purchasing "fixer-upper real estate, became interested in real estate and enrolled in school.

Mason-McDuffie hired him and within two years became the top producer. In the early '80s, Cashman was invited to become a stockholder with the company.

In 1986 Cashman became the branch manager for the Kensington office and under his leadership that office became the number one sales office out of 30 branches. Because his Kensington office did so well under his managing, Cashman opened a much needed office in Albany, located at 1417 Solano Ave.

Between the two offices, there are 44 agents. Cashman is seeking additional top-producing experienced agents for both offices.

Cashman also sells real estate. The majority of his personal clients were 1991 hills fire victims. He has and is currently helping clients to rebuild by connecting with building contractors and selling lots for non-rebuilders. He serves on



Barbara Speed and Fletcher Oaks at jewelry display last year

Mason-McDuffie's board of directors and is past president of the Kensington Business Association, serving two years in that position.

Cashman loves to travel, exploring different cultures and enjoys meeting people. He runs marathons, and does wind surfing, downhill skiing, mountain climbing, scuba diving, rock rappelling and music. As a singer and actor, Cashman performed with the Alameda Little Theater.

One of the agents working in the Albany office is Albany's Wendy Bakenta, who is the only Albany resident representing Mason-McDuffie in this area.

Wendy and her husband, George, are 23 year residents in Albany. She has been with the real estate office for five years.

Wendy and George are remembered for their civic activities some of which include Albany Little League, PTA, preschool and cub scouts.

Wanting to serve by helping people find homes, Wendy has a high standard of service, and she is the top-producing agent in this area since 1988, and has earned her membership with the Mason-McDuffie Multi-Million Dollar Club. She is responsible for training new agents to the firm.

Giving back to the community, the company's agents donate to the Mason-McDuffie Educational Foundation, awarding grants to local educators for classrooms.

Dolls on display

Gateview Dollers of California



Wendy Bakenta and John Cashman of Mason-McDuffie

President Ruth Leif (Play It Again Toys) extends an invitation to all to attend a Doll Show and Sale and Welcoming Tea on Sunday, April 25, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave.

Guests will view a large display of dolls which will encompass antique collectible limited edition and modern and artist dolls including nutcrackers and Snow White dolls.

The tea will honor all Junior Doll Club members, with each receiving a membership pin and card.

Co-chairing the tea are Marie Gardyne (The Brass Horse), Lucy Weiss and Sylvia Falcon.

A \$4 donation is asked. Information is available by phoning 526-7522, 233-8030 or 235-2232.

Well equipped car

Greg Brazil, owner of Bay Communication, and his family, recently returned from a 10-day cruise that took them through the Panama Canal. Just before leaving for the cruise, Brazil installed lightbars, siren, police radio and cellular phone in the Montero Four Wheel Drive donated to the Albany Police Department by Mitsubishi.

The vehicle is used to transport Police Chief Larry Murdo, Detective Sergeant Bill Palmmini and Sergeant Art Clemons, their musical instruments and sound equipment for their "Chief Operator Teen Drive Program" when they perform at high schools.

Having two children in Albany Schools, Brazil never hesitates to volunteer in assisting curbing delinquency.

New operators give carousel a facelift

1,000 hours put in restoring the 82-year-old relic

By Charles Levin

Rising up from green floorboards and covered by its off-white wooden frame, the Tilden Regional Park merry-go-round cranked up this month under new direction and with a new facelift.

When the East Bay Regional Park District announced the job opening, new operators Terri and Peter Holleman jumped at the chance to run the 82-year-old historic landmark.

Between the two of them, they bring a plethora of life experience, having straddled several careers apiece.

Besides being a probation officer for Contra Costa County for 18 years, Terri runs an animal talent agency for movies, television,

commercials and print ads. Peter has been a journeyman carpenter and musician.

"This merry-go-round has always been a part of our lives," said Terri last Saturday afternoon. By opening day she, husband Peter and a small crew had put nearly 1,000 hours of restorative work into the majestic attraction.

The four-row menagerie edition built by Herschell Spillman first opened in 1911 at Ocean Beach in San Francisco. It had a brief stay at Griffith Park in Los Angeles from 1935 to 1937. From there it made its way up to Berkeley.

"It's always in the process of restoration," said Peter. "It's mechanically okay, but there's normal wear and tear (that) you have to deal with all the time. Fortunately the past owners had saved all the parts, which can't be bought anymore."

When they arrived, only half the lights were working and the cranks that lifted and lowered the animals

needed to be cleaned, polished and oiled. They intend to repair the 40 wooden animals (the remaining 14 are aluminum) with an epoxy restoration process that takes about 40 hours per animal.

"We'll make it look as best we can and protect the integrity of the animal," he said.

Peter Holleman said more work needs to be done on the North Tonawanda band organ that sits in the carousel's center. Another organ adjacent to the cafe will blast its sounds on Sundays featuring piano-roll tunes like Zip a Dee Doo Dah, Just a Gigolo and Cruising Down the River.

A virtual wildlife habitat sits on this spinning spectacle including horses, roosters, lions, a green sea monster called a hippocampus, the world's only clothed frog on a merry-go-round, and storks.

"All the pregnant ladies want their picture taken with that one," said Terri.

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El Cerrito Newsline

By Lori Eattock

To celebrate Earth Day, the City of El Cerrito will host an open house on Friday, April 23, from noon to 4 p.m. at 7501 Schmidt Lane. The public is invited to take a tour of the center, pick up informational literature on recycling and visit the second annual Junk Art Contest.



The art contest will feature works of art made from junk and recyclable materials.

Exhibits for the contest will be accepted until noon on Friday.

The judges will award a donated cash prize of

\$50 to the best of show.

Judges will also award prizes which have been donated by Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream, Miller's Outpost, Jack in the Box, and See's Candies. Visitors will also have a chance to win a prize by guessing the weight of a giant foil ball.

The first Earth Day was organized in 1970 and focused community and media attention on the condition of our environment and the need to protect and preserve it.

Over 20 million Americans participated in the activities of the first Earth Day in conferences, tree plantings and workshops.

The outcry in response to the celebration provided the energy to pass legislation protecting the quality of our environment.

The Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act were passed and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was created.

All of these actions at least in part were stimulated by the original Earth Day activities.

There will be many festivals during Earth Week throughout California and worldwide.

Contra Costa County will hold an Earth Day Fair on Sunday, April 25, at the Concord Pavilion.

The El Cerrito recycling center is looking for volunteers to work weekends to monitor the yard and oil tank.

They would need to be available for at least four hours the Sunday or Saturday to field questions about recycling, help unload vehicles for those who need assistance and monitor the environment and refueling.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call Lori at 215-4350.

Another volunteer opportunity

The Recreation and Childcare Division is looking

for one or two volunteers to help a disabled child participate in an after-school recreation program. The child is 5 years old, weighs 30 pounds, and is in a wheelchair.

The program in which she would like to participate takes place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from noon to 2:30 p.m.

Though she would like to attend both days, on either one of them would be appreciated.

Volunteers would need to feel comfortable helping this child lift herself from and back on her chair — you should be able to lift 20 to 25 pounds to be of assistance to her.

If you are willing to volunteer just a few hours a week to help a small child in this very important way, please call Eileen Duffy at 215-4302 or Monica Korts at 215-4370.

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AUSD Notebook

By Julie Winkelstein

The Albany Unified School District Board meeting on Tuesday, April 13, started with a prepared statement read by President Dianne McNenny related to the March incident between Superintendent Dale Hudson and Albany Teacher's Association President David De

After hearing from all the witnesses to the incident, the Board of Education finds the facts are not in dispute. Discrepancies among the witnesses' statements, however, leave the board unable to determine who, if anyone, is at fault for the incident.

The second paragraph was a joint statement from the Teacher's Association and the Board:

"The incident appears to be symptomatic of deteriorating relationships and communications. The Board of Education, the administration and the executive board of the ATA recognize the need to improve relationships, rebuild communications and begin taking steps to provide a safe working atmosphere that fosters a free exchange of information, ideas and a discussion of real differences.

"Actions necessary to insure not only that we educators get along, but that our interactions produce the best possible opportunities for children. All parties have begun discussions to map out appropriate future steps." There were no comments.

Next on the agenda was an information item on the sale of the properties of the general obligation bonds, known as Series A. During the week of April 5 to 9, Superintendent Dale Hudson, Business Manager Lorenzo Lugaspi, and two representatives of the district's financial advisory firm went to New

York. There they presented information on AUSD to bond rating firms. Hudson and Lugaspi went over the information they presented to these firms.

This information was diverse and informative for anyone who wants to know more about our school district.

AUSD was unified in 1936. Current minority statistics are: 23 Asian, 12 percent African-American, 11 percent Latino and 2 percent miscellaneous. There are 21 languages spoken in the schools, larger numbers of Cantonese and Mandarin, then Spanish, followed by a broad mix.

They went over basic information about the property values in Albany. Most stressed was the fact that the average home price is "significantly higher" than the assessed valuation. Of the parcels in the district, 1,712, or 45 percent, are assessed at \$50,000 or less.

Home prices peaked in 1989, at an average of \$244,389. With housing prices going down, Albany has maintained well: In 1992, the average home price slipped only to \$238,000.

With the 10 largest taxpayers accounting for only 10.3 percent of the total assessed valuation, there is a diversity of taxpayers in the remaining 90 percent.

Population growth is expected in the city, from turnover in housing. As older citizens move out, younger families with children are expected to move in. It is anticipated that Albany will have 17,300 residents by 2010.

The rate of student growth has exceeded the rate of population growth. This population, which has grown 21 percent from eight years ago, is expected to grow an-

other 27 percent by 2000.

They then reviewed the effects of this growth. It will of course provide income, but at the same time the district will need facilities for these students.

Albany approved a parcel tax in 1987 to support programs in the schools. In 1993 over 79 percent of Albany voters passed the current bond measure.

The first in the series of bonds will be sold in May 1993. The last will be in August 2011. The first maturity date will be August 1994, and the last maturity date 2017.

Other items on the agenda:

- Lugaspi presented what will be his last budget for the Albany Unified School District. He has accepted the job of business manager for Newark Unified School District, and will leave Albany on April 23. Hudson and the board members expressed their regret at his leaving and their appreciation for his work here.

- Lugaspi went over the preliminary budget for 1993/1994. He reviewed the sources of income for the district, including the bond money and the Albany High School Modernization Project, which should realize \$1 million for work on the high school.

- The ongoing problem of a negative fund balance for the Albany Children's Center was mentioned again. Meetings with the staff there are continuing.

- Assistant Superintendent Libby Heimbichner and Dale Hudson presented the 1992/1993 annual school reports. These reports, required by Proposition 98, are updated each spring, and copies are available at the schools and the district office.

- Boardmember Alan Riffer

suggested school newsletters be used to notify parents that these reports are available. He also wanted to know how many people were usually interested in these. Heimbichner said quite a number, including parents new to the district, and people looking for employment opportunities.

- A list of recommended titles for the new K-8 History/Social Science Curriculum Program was presented by Marian Rothschild, the principal at Marin School, and Craig Boyan, Cornell School principal.

Boyan said the list was really the culmination of a three-year effort by the staff in Albany. Teachers at each site have been meeting to discuss not only titles, but grade levels for the books and ways to use them in the curriculum.

The list includes the themes for each grade level.

For the month of April, all the books will be available, in the District Administrative Office, for review by anyone interested.

- Organizational Plan for the Building Projects: This sheet of paper, marked "Draft," was a suggestion for spending money from the bond measure.

Hudson introduced it by saying: "The organizational structure that you see here is one that makes a strong attempt to involve as many people as want to and as should, in the planning for our building projects, immediate and into the future."

A copy of this draft is available at the district office.

- Final items included the timelines for the hiring of a new district business manager and, because Sally Davis has resigned as of June 30, 1993, a new director for the Children's Center.

Windrush School benefit offers music, food, wine

What do chefs and clefs have in common? If this year is anything like last year, they'll be making beautiful music together — and raising some money for the Windrush School at the same time.

"Chefs and Clefs" is a food and wine tasting event with live music. Local restaurants, wineries, breweries, caterers, and bakeries offer samples of their menus buffet style throughout the evening as the Bay Area Blues Society performs.

This year "Chefs and Clefs" will be held Saturday, May 8, at the First Unitarian Church of Kensington, from 6 to 10 p.m. The church is located at One Lawson Road.

Because last year's event was such a successful one, the vendor participants at "Chefs and Clefs" this year include all but one from last year. This year's event will feature such participants as Fourth Street Bar & Grill, Maharani Restaurant, Olivetto, Shai's Delicatessen, Ali's, SemiFreddies, Thyme Wise, Waxman Brothers, Soup to Nuts Catering, The Coffee Connection, Duchess Cheesecake, Just Too Sweet, The Clock Bakery, Svenhard's Bakery, and Gaia's Kitchen.

Wine and brewery participants include the Finestra Winery, Kalin Cellars, St. George Spirits, Rosenblum Cellars, Pacific Coast Brewing Company, Gan Eden Winery and Four Seasons Winery.

Tickets are \$25 for all the music and all you can eat and drink. Tickets are available at the door or call Windrush School at 970-7580.

At last year's "Chefs and Clefs" a variety of musicians — including a string quartet, a classical pianist and a jazz trio — played sets throughout the evening. This year one group, the Bay Area Blues Society, will play the whole evening.

The Bay Area Blues Society will present its "Caravan of All Stars" Revue. The Caravan features two headliner attractions along with an All Star Band, comprised of legendary blues musicians (who are stars in their own right, having performed with many of the greatest blues and jazz performers in the world).

The performance will also feature several up-and-coming artists, serving to promote and educate the public or the continuing traditional influences of this art form on the popular music of today.

"Chefs and Clefs" was created to raise money for Windrush School. The campus is at 1800 Elm St., El Cerrito.

Wine and brewery participants

Music boosters serve dinner

Albany Music Boosters and the Albany High School Music Department are sponsoring the Albany Booster Bash fund-raising event on Friday, April 30 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1325 Portland Ave., Albany.

Dinner will be served starting at 6:30 p.m.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Albany High music groups.

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are, in my opinion, exposed to danger along the route.

I have another question for the speeders: Do you not have children who walk to school? Do you not ever walk yourselves? How about showing some respect for pedestrians, such as stopping for pedestrians in painted crosswalks? How about stopping at red lights?

Christina S. McKnight

Seeking freeway solutions

Editor:

This letter is to clarify the misimpressions created by the article "Gateview residents petition to save ramps" which appeared in the April 8 edition of *The Journal*.

1) The Gateview Homeowners' Association is NOT opposed to the elimination of the Pierce Street ramps, as long as there is a viable alternative. This was clearly stated in the letters

submitted to the Albany City Council by more than 200 Gateview households. It is extremely unfortunate that your reporter didn't convey this in her article.

2) For eight years, ever since the Caltrans' freeway design was first unveiled, Gateview has opposed eliminating the Pierce Street ramps without a viable alternative. For eight years we have been patiently listened to by various departments of the Albany city government then ignored. This is and has been outrageous!

3) The article states that eliminating the ramps will decrease auto thefts on Pierce Street because "closing of the ramps would make Pierce 'far less attractive to opportunistic individuals' who take advantage of the easy-on easy-off ramps next to the freeway to break into and steal cars."

There are more than 1,300 automobiles parked on the two blocks of Pierce Street where Gateview, Bay Commons and Bridgewater sit. It is this high concentration of vehicles that provides a tempting target for thieves. Eliminating the ramps won't change this concentration of vehicles.

If a viable alternative to the ramps is not

implemented, there will be tremendous traffic congestion problems. At peak commute hours it might take 20 minutes to get to Gateview after exiting the freeway. As living on Pierce Street becomes less desirable there could be a long, slow decline in property values. Over time Pierce Street could become a slum area, with an attendant increase in crime, especially with the high concentration of vehicles there. What will happen to the character of Albany; its tax base; its schools; the cost of police and fire services, if 10 per cent of Albany's housing becomes like the Villa Motel?

4) Caltrans ignores federal and street freeway design standards when it wants, but when it suits its purposes, CalTrans states it must follow design standards. John Shively's letter to the editor on April 1 gave five specific, important design standards CalTrans is ignoring in its proposal to reconstruct the Buchanan Street overpass.

5) Ten percent of Albany's population lives in the condominium complexes next to the freeway. Yet we are made to feel that this problem is our problem and not Albany's problem. This couldn't be a more unrealistic attitude. CalTrans' plan is unfair and

contrary to the best interests of both Albany and Gateview.

6) Gateview is ready to cooperate with any plan in providing suggestions for a viable alternative to the Pierce Street ramps. For example: why not have a non-stop turnaround from I-80 onto Pierce Street close to Central Avenue? This is a viable alternative to simply eliminating the ramps, and expecting cars to start using the Buchanan Street exit on Central Avenue exit with its two set of traffic lights.

Gateview is sure there are many viable alternatives to the Pierce Street ramps that have been taken seriously by CalTrans because it has felt pressure to do so. We are asking the Albany City Council to put the necessary pressure on CalTrans to produce a viable alternative to the Pierce Street ramps, both for Albany's sake and ours. The long term best interest of all Albany and those of us who live on Pierce Street could not more strongly coincide.

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WORD OF MOUTH

By John McNulty

Lunch and dinner meat and vegetable pies are the staple of Noble Pies' (5421 College Ave., Rockridge District, Oakland; 653-2790) longevity in business. There is a lot more to the menu here. The pie list includes fruit and other dessert pies. Now the new breakfast service at Noble Pies offers a full range of morning dishes and coffee specialties.

Dragon House (1647 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1299) Chinese restaurant offers a bargain priced for-two-or-more dinner called "Hunan Dinner" on their menu. Sizzling Rice Soup and Ants on a Tree (served in a lettuce cup) starts the meal. The other choices come from a list including Mu Shu Pork, Prawn in Spicy Garlic Sauce, Orange Peel Beef and Black Mushrooms with Snow Peas.

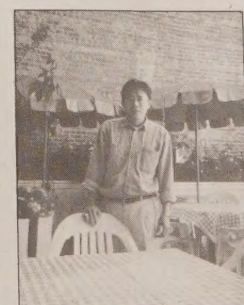
German music Friday nights and jazz Thursday and Saturday nights at Via Veneto (5356 College Ave., Oakland, between BART and Broadway; 652-8540) in the roomy lounge. WoM's satisfied customer report this week is from Heidi B. Ms. B. reports that her party of 10 found the service and food excellent and the bill a bargain at Via Veneto recently.

Don't miss the "Killer Ribs" at California Topless Pizza (3814 Piedmont Ave., Oakland; 450-0100, FAX 450-0101) ... Spinach dip in a sourdough bowl anyone? Try the Coliseum during an A's game. Yes, they've got it. Shrimp cocktail, too, but don't tell the sea gulls. Whatever happened to "red hots?" And who's an old timer? ... Keystone Korner Yoshi's keeps boppin'. The

Robert Hurst Quintet (appearing April 20 to 25) is made up of Tonight Show band players. You may now guess the identity of the band's "surprise" sax player.

A few words about pizza. A quiet revolution is going on. Avant-garde pizza is starting to reach the people. The great pizza dreamers of the likes of Chez Panisse have made their point. For example, Red Boy Pizza (2060 Mountain Blvd., Oakland's Montclair District; 339-3113) has opened its first East Bay store. The other seven are in North and South Bay cities and San Francisco. This pizza selection now reaches Word of Mouth's neighborhood. Now WoM can order a pizza with feta cheese, zucchini, sundried tomatoes, French Brie, and no tomato sauce! The price is right and the French bread dough is perfect. Big, creative pizza tastes in the neighborhoods.

Workers, shoppers and even hungry "slackers" can make dinner convenient and delicious when they call Godmother's (933 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; 540-5111) for quarter, half or whole chicken dinners.



Besides having a comfortable dining room, Sweet Coconut owner Alex Amornrit serves Thai dishes at lunch and dinner in a high brick-walled courtyard, 3314 Piedmont Ave. at Broadway, Oakland; 839-1122.

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East Bay Events This Week



Guys and Dolls Students from St. Mary's College and Holy Names High, Berkeley High and El Cerrito High are joining forces in a production of Frank Loesser's Broadway hit 'Guys and Dolls.' The production runs tonight, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$6 to \$10. Call 84-JULIA for tickets. Tony Olivier directs.

Liturgical concert from Slavyanka

The Bay Area men's Russian chorus **Slavyanka** presents only the second performance of the Shvedov Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. The premiere was in February in San Francisco.) Konstantin Shvedov (1886-1954), best known as composer and arranger for the Don Cosack Chorus, updated the Orthodox liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the 20th century. The performance will be Saturday at 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Admission is \$12 (\$8 for students and seniors). Phone: (415) 979-8690.

Solemn music by Mozart

The Baroque Choral Guild joins the **Philharmonia Baroque** Orchestra for six performances of two works by Mozart—his *Solemn Mass*, K. 339, and his *Requiem*, K. 626. **Arnold Östman**, music director of the Swedish National Opera, conducts. The guest soloists are soprano **Ann-Christin Biel** and **Susan Rode Morris**, mezzo-soprano **Reveka Mavrovitis** (who sang Boris' son in San Francisco Opera's *Boris Godunov* last fall), tenor **Steven Stolen** and baritone **Michael Dean**. The Baroque Choral Guild is directed by **Robert Cary**, known to East Bay audiences as the director of the Piedmont Choirs. Two of the six performances are at the First Congregational Church, Dana (between Durant and Channing) in Berkeley—Saturday 8 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. (The other performances are April 23, 29 and 30 in various locations around the Bay.) Tickets are \$12. Call (415) 737-9950 for more details.

Open house at UC Music Department

The UC-Berkeley Department of Music presents four free concerts as part of its open house, Saturday at Hertz Hall on campus. From noon to 1 p.m. is Purcell's opera *Dido and Aeneas*, directed by **Peggy Morgan**. From 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. is music of the French Baroque performed by UC's **Collegium Musicum** directed by lutenist **David Taylor**, who will also play the lute. From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. will be a performance of the **Sudanese Gamelan**, directed by **Burhan Karim**. From 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. the **Berkeley Contemporary Chamber Players**, directed by **Andy Cox**, perform works by **John Thow**, **Lori Dobins** and **Other Sessions**, including two premieres.

Chamber music at Mills College

Mills College's **David Abel** and **Julie Steinberg** join the **Stanford String Quartet** to perform Chausson's Concerto for Violin and String Quartet. Also on the program are Ravel's Concerto in F Major and Mozart's Concerto in B-Flat Major, K. 589. The concert is at 8 p.m. Friday at Mills College's Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 to \$10 (free to Mills students, staff, alumni). Call 430-3300 for more details. Mills is at 1000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Jazz at La Peña

The six-piece Latin jazz band led by **Juanita and Ulla**, comes to La Peña Cultural Center Friday at 8:30 p.m. for a concert of original compositions fusing South American styles—panpipes, salsa trumpet and vocals. Songs from Juanita Ulla's new CD *Nostalgia* and *My Salsa* cassette are on the program. The center is at 3105 Shattuck (corner of Woolsey), Berkeley. Admission is \$9. Phone: 632-6296 or 825-2572.

Suzanne Cimone at the Lobby

Instrumentalist and vocalist **Suzanne Cimone** performs twice this week at the Lobby, 5612 College Ave. (near Rockridge BART station). Cimone performs blues, pop and jazz, singing and playing piano and harmonica. The two performances are tonight at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. Call 547-9152 for more details. There is no cover charge.

More events

Large-scale sculpture of Bella Feldman

■ Only recently have women been recognized for heroic sculpture.

By Peter Mustell

Bella T. Feldman, professor at the California College of Arts and Crafts (CCAC), is exhibiting 11 of her latest works in bronze and steel. The exhibit, at the Hearst Art Gallery at St. Mary's College, in Moraga, closes Sunday.

Sculpture

Women sculptors of heroic and medium-size statues were virtually unknown in California in the 1930s, when Feldman was born.

Then came the recognition of Ruth Cravath ("St. Francis" at Candlestick Park, "Mayor Rossi" at San Francisco City Hall), Emmy Lou Packard (the 85-foot frieze at UC-Berkeley's Zellerbach Plaza) and Frances Rich ("Pelican" at UC-Berkeley's Earl C. Anthony Hall).

Feldman's career in sculpture spans 30 years. She studied art and music in high school in New York City, received a B.A. at Queens College, and an M.A. from San Jose State.

In 1964 she joined the faculty of CCAC and advanced to professor and chairwoman of the sculpture department. She worked commercially as a designer for developers and architects.

Feldman's early influences were Albert Giacometti ("Palace at 4:30 A.M." in New York's Museum of Modern Art), the metal sculpting style of Cubist and iron worker Julio Gonzales, and David Smith's welded steel technique in auto manufacturing.

Feldman reviews her life in Gloria Frym's *Second Stories* (San Francisco Chronicle Books, 1979), and notes that she began her art career at age 35. She started in paper, moving to textiles and, finally, metal.

She describes the creative process as beginning in inner chaos, fueled by "not selling, and not being appreciated in California where great artists remain unknown."

Her famous 27 "War Toys," measuring 6 to 18 inches each, are on tour. Most are mobile, patterned after her impressions of European medieval fortifications, resembling Leonardo da Vinci's model ordnance, and the fantasies of Pieter Bruegel.

A romance of misfits in 'Benny and Joon'

■ A thin line separates the whimsical from the revoltingly adorable.

By Renata Pelt

Benny (Aidan Quinn) is an auto mechanic with soul. His sister Joon, short for Juniper (Mary Stuart Masterson), is a mentally ill person who paints, reads and sets fires. And Sam — well, Sam (Johnny Depp) is a semi-literate Buster Keaton wannabe whom Joon wins at a poker game.

Movies

Whimsical enough for you?

Whimsical is certainly the word for *Benny and Joon*, which often nearly slips over the thin line that separates the engaging from the revoltingly adorable.

The film was directed by Jeremiah Chechik, whose only other film credit is *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*. Despite that, he does remarkably well. The writer is newcomer Barry Berman, a veteran of the Ringling Brothers circus.

I enjoyed the film, with its lovable characters and a more-than-average share of laughs, but it's not something I'll want to think about too long or too closely.

Aidan Quinn's straight-arrow Benny is ultra-protective of his sister Joon, with whom he's lived for 12 years. (A brief flashback indicates that their parents were killed in a car crash).



Above: 'Suspension/Utensils' (1990); at right: Feldman with her 1991 sculpture 'House of Fortune.'

(Photos by Peter Mustell)

Feldman's visit to the Yucatan is reflected in her frequent use of Mayan temple steps, in the Hearst show and in larger public sculpture such as "Sluice" (1990) at the Federal Home Loan Bank in San Francisco.

A 1964 relief, 10 feet by 10 feet, decorates Berkeley's Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School.

The show's 11 works elicit the strongest of visual-tactile reflexes. This is art that demands to be examined by sight and touch, from the burnished surface patterns to the welded seams.

The pulley and weighted drum "Strain/Weight" (1993) "catches your eye over your mind, to present a peculiarity which is not quite what you think it is."

Feldman's "Suspension/Utensils" (1990) is like Foucault's pendulum, 12 spheres suspended from graded lengths of leather straps.

But her spheres are machinery innards subjected to the gallows



of Luddites — those 19th-century British artisans who attacked machinery as competitors for their jobs.

Most of the 11 pieces are studies in solid geometry, from parabolic spheres to stair-step lines ascending flat-topped pyramids, finished in polished bronze or steel.

"Sluice" is a hybrid of a tangentially cut end of a cylinder, with the opposite transverse surface abutting a step-like Mayan flume (5 feet high and 10 feet long).

The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. The phone is 631-4379.

the ball game, and, in desperation, Sam, the cousin who's inflicted himself on one of the poker players. Which is how Sam, in his Keatonesque pork pie hat, floppy tie and dead pan expression, comes to take up residence at Benny and Joon's.

Joon and Sam seem made for each other. Sam rarely talks; instead, he perches in trees and makes grilled cheese sandwiches using an iron (rayon setting, no steam).

He also does a Keaton-Chaplin shtick that's flat-out wonderful. Johnny Depp (*Platoon*, *Edward Scissorhands*) is magical, every bit as good as Robert Downey Jr. was in the recent *Chaplin*, and I was left wishing Depp had been given more comic scenes in *Benny and Joon*.

But for all its charm, *Benny*

and *Joon* is a bit simple-minded and synthetic. The characters are all childlike, and their town (the picture was filmed in Spokane, Wash.) is traffic-free, quiet and always freshly rain-washed. Like the town, the film's cinematography is clear and sparkly.

Sam and Joon's romance may be in for some trouble, but you know from the start that they'll end up OK and that Benny will eventually make it with Ruth (Julianne Moore), the ex-actress who waits tables at the local diner.

Right. A town with a local diner. Quirky crazy people more in touch with "reality" than the sane people.

It's either your thing or it isn't, but it's worth seeing for Johnny Depp's performance, if for nothing else.

Music workshops for singers, others

Rhythmic Concepts has just announced its third season of music workshops.

- "Ear Training," with Kevin Gibbs, May 9, 16 and 23;
- "Recording Studio Techniques for Singers," with Larry Batiste, May 8 and 15;
- "Blues," with Johnny Tolbert, May 8, 15, 23;
- "Instant Chorus," with Michael Morgan, Terrance Kelly and Elizabeth Seja Min, May 2, 18, and 22;
- "Jazz Piano" with Larry Dunlap, Mark Levine and Bill

Bell, May 9, 16, and 23.

"Recording Studio Techniques for Singers" is a three-week intensive workshop. Other workshops may take be attended in a series at discounted admission or individually.

"Instant Chorus" is designed for people who want to experience singing in a chorus yet can't make a long-term commitment.

• Michael Morgan, music director of the Oakland East Bay Symphony, will conduct the May 2 workshop.

• Elizabeth Seja Min, artistic

director of Redwood Cultural Work and the former artistic director of the Oakland Youth Chorus, will conduct the May 18 workshop along with percussionist Carolyn Brandy.

• Terrance Kelly, music director of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, will conduct the May 22 workshop.

Workshops will be held at the First Unitarian Church, as well as the First Presbyterian Church in Oakland.

For more information, call 287-8880.

East Bay Events continued



'The Orgy,' a 1989 drawing by Jim Williams, is one of the works on view at the Nexus Studio Gallery Friday through Sunday. The exhibit is sponsored by the Lipsy Foundation and also features the work of Helen Dallas and Lisa Wagner. Friday's hours are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday's are noon to 9 p.m.; Sunday's are noon to 5 p.m. Carlton and Eighth streets in Berkeley. Phone: 644-2979.

Historic organ recital at St. Alban's

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, in Albany, is holding a series of recitals on its historic organ; the goal is to raise enough money to restore the instrument, which is on the Register of Historic Organs. This week's concert is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and it features **Craig Cansler**, associate organist at Grace Cathedral. The suggested donation is \$15. The church is at 1501 Washington Ave., Albany (at the corner of Washington and Curtis, one block north of Solano Avenue). Church doors open at 7 p.m. Call 525-1716 for more details.

Wildflower show at Oakland Museum

The 22nd annual **California Wildflower Show** is this Saturday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday (noon to 6 p.m.) at the Oakland Museum, 10 10th St. (at Oak). Wildflower enthusiasts travel to all parts of the state in the days before the show to pick wildflowers. The focus is the flora of nine Bay Area counties plus Santa Cruz and Mendocino counties and the Sierra foothills. Admission is free. Phone: 238-3401.

Quilts about war

"Quilts About War" is the intriguing name of a presentation on Monday at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, which is at 1 Lawson Road in Kensington. **Nancy Cameron Armstrong** will talk about the quilts. The event is sponsored by the East Bay Heritage Quilters. Call Peg Tetlow at 848-5719 for more details.

One-act plays from EGYPT

The **Experimental Group Young People's Theatre (EGYPT)** opens its 1993 season with a "One Act Fest." The plays tonight, as well as Wednesday and Friday of next week, are Paulette Jones' *Sisters* and Ted Shine's *Contributions*. Tomorrow, as well as Thursday and Saturday of next week, it will be Langston Hughes' *Soul Gone Home* and Crystal Rhodes' *Mama's Man*. All shows start at 8 p.m. The directors include **Melba Scott James**, **Earl Crudup** and **Gerald Wright**. Admission is \$6. 5306 Foothill Blvd, Oakland. Phone: 436-4877.

Improvisational comedy at La Val's

The **Flashpoint Players** are sponsoring an "Improv Comedy Show" Wednesday at La Val's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. The doors open at 7 p.m. The show is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Call 235-1974 for more details. The theater is tiny, and you can buy pizza upstairs and bring it down.

More dance works in the works

Choreographers and other types of performance artists present ideas under development at the **Works in the Works Performance Series**. It continues Sunday with the following: **Marcy Risque** and **James Rider** (dance/theater), **John Doyle** (creative contact movement), **Deborah Stone** (modern dance), **Randy Rutherford** (storytelling), **Andrea Farber** and **Karen Penley** (modern dance) and **Company Chaddick** (modern dance). The host is **Cheryl Chaddick**. It's at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Eighth Street Studio, 2525 Eighth St. (corner of Dwight), Berkeley. Admission is \$6; 653-2699.

Penetrating personal vision in a first show

■ The desert scapes of Tani Martinat allow viewers to confront their own fragility.

By Rocky Leplin

An umbilical cord leaves a baby's belly and winds into a pool where it intertwines with the reflection of a tree. A lizard sits watching, and a bird smiles down. The title of the pen-and-ink drawing is "Max's Birth Announcement."

Painting

Max is the 7-year-old son of artist Tani Suzanne Martinat, and this drawing is part of her first show, at the Three C's Cafe on Hearst Avenue in Berkeley.

In terms of numbers it's a modest display. Martinat has gotten serious about painting only in the last few years, but her work reveals an unusually fine hand and a perception at once penetrating and serene.

She focuses on the natural world, but the largest canvas, "Crystal Amber Industrial Sand," (named after the company it depicts in oil on masonite), contains a tall shed with a long chute extending from it, connected by metal ladders to a row of large barrels.

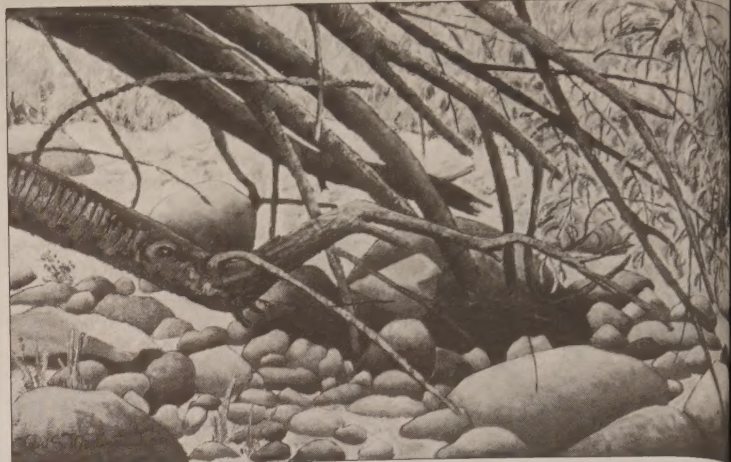
The site is deserted: it looks like a Sunday. A lone figure leaves the scene in background shadow. A pool spreads from the foreground to a distant fence. Violet and cream-colored clouds curl through a blue and yellow sky that pales to salmon above distant houses.

The solitude is offset by the attention to detail: long lines etched into the paint distinguish the boards that constitute the shed, and where they've been patched over. A shadowed stairway leads down and turns backwards. A large pipe bends twice on its way to the sky.

The realism isn't perfect, for a reason. Martinat has given beauty to a scene that only a photographer or another artist might look twice at. It now has a life of its own, both dreamlike and hypnotic.

Three pictures are called Arizona Light Nos. 3, 4 and 5, with secondary titles. In "Meditation Pool" (colored pencil), Martinat accents the impact of nature in its undisturbed state in a compromise between the clarity of what is seen and the vividness of the impression it leaves.

It's a busy scene of a small blue pool closed in by rocks and reeds. Overhead, wiggly green, orange and yellow lines suggest the scratchy foliage of a desert tree whose blue-black branches overhang the pool. Under the tree, dense bushes recede into a thick-



Tani Martinat's oil 'Sun on Rocks'

et. In the distance, pale pink rock hills poke upward in bright sunlight.

One would not suspect that the same artist circumscribed the still, water-softened oblongs of "Sun on Rocks" (oil on canvas). Beneath gnarled tree branches blending black, brown and red, extending from the shade of the unseen trunk into sunlight, rocks conglomerate on sandy ground.

Here Martinat exerts her originality in another reconciliation with her subject: she takes great care to distinguish each rock's outline, while taking liberties with their colors.

They range from deep blue to deep red, with pastel shades of amethyst, turquoise, pink and orange in between.

The colors bring the rocks to life, yet because of their careful delineation on the sun-soaked ground, they look like they belong.

The scene is balanced by shaggy leaves that dangle down beyond the branches in greens blanched by the heat.

In "Time and Tree" (oil on canvas), backed by a wash of sunlight, a tree with a squat trunk dat blends violet, orange, yellow and red looms up from behind broad boulders.

They are featureless, reflecting bright sunlight. But beneath the tree they acquire a green shadow that deepens to black in its crevices.

The tree's flat leaves don't grow on its bare outer branches, accentuating sparseness, as if the tree is being allowed to survive. The scene is almost forbiddingly still: it reminds us of our own



'Crystal Amber Industrial Sand,' oil on masonite

fragility in the face not of time, but, ironically, timelessness.

"Another War on Life" (ink and colored pencil) pits nature against the environmental devastation of war. In the foreground is a menagerie of two baby puffins, a large, colorful moth, and a cricket and ladybug on a ledge. Kneeling, a man in a fisherman's cap gazes on, absorbed. In the distance, a fire rages. Three tanks

roll across the desert, on their way.

Two striking abstracts complete the show. I expect it to be the first of many for a gifted artist with a personal, highly accessible vision.

The Three C's Cafe is at 300 Hearst Ave., in the North Food Center, just above the section of Euclid. Martinat's show runs through April 30.

Woodminster Amphitheater announces Loesser revue, auditions for '93 season

The Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland's Joaquin Miller Park is holding a fund-raiser called "A Man for All Theater Seasons" on May 15 and 16. Also in May, the theater is holding auditions for its 1993 season of three Broadway musicals: *Anything Goes*, *Flower Drum Song* and *Me and My Girl*.

"A Man for all Theater Seasons" features the music of Frank Loesser, with excerpts from *Gypsy* and *Dolls*, *The Most Happy Fella*, and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.

Local groups and charities can purchase tickets for \$5 and sell them for \$15. Sponsors purchase a block of 100 tickets and qualify for gate profits, while co-sponsors purchase 50-ticket blocks.

Auditions for the season's three musicals will be held May 1 and 2. Dancers and singers are invited to try out — especially Asian-American performers for *Flower Drum Song*. For more details, call 531-9597.

Woodminster's 1993 season

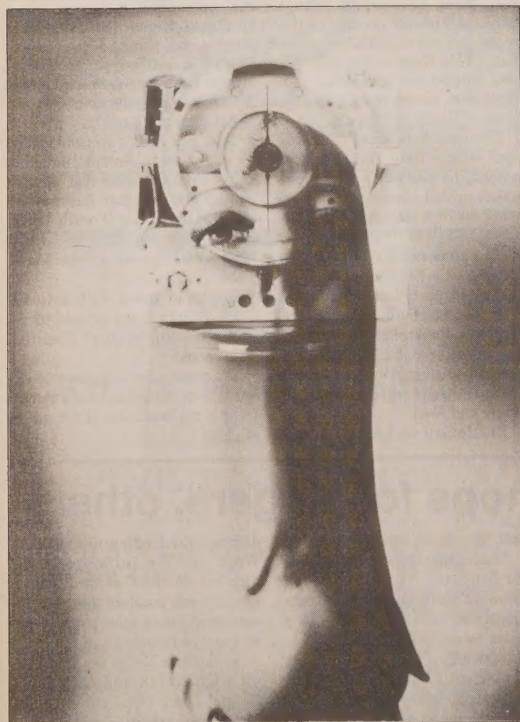
begins with Cole Porter's

Anything Goes, July 9 to 18. *Flower Drum Song*, Rodgers Hammerstein's *Chinatown* sic, Aug. 6 to 15. The closes with the Noel Grey, Rose and Douglas Furber, *and My Girl*, Sept. 3 to 12.

Single tickets are \$10. Subscribers receive a 15% discount.

Fund-raising groups may purchase 25 or more tickets at a price for Thursday or Sunday performances. For more details, call 531-9597.

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'More Than Human' is the title of an exhibit of photographs by Tim Hildebrand, on display through May 30 at Diesel: A Bookstore, 5820 Shellmound St., Emeryville; 653-9965. Judging from this example, maybe we should call them 'more than photographs.'

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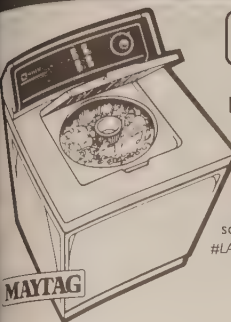
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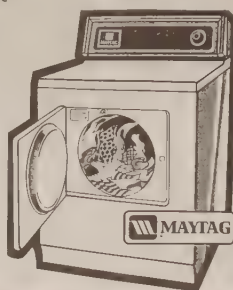
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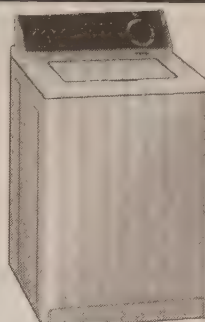
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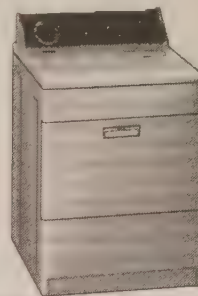
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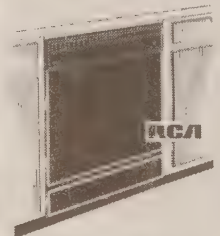
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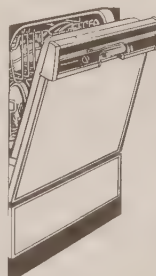


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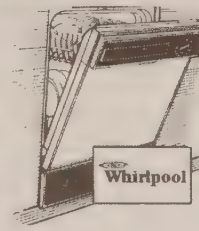


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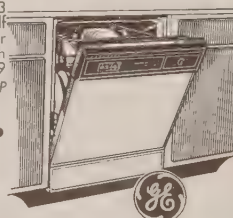


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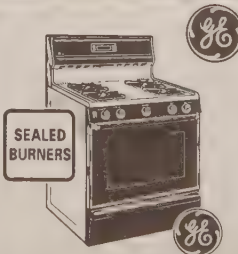
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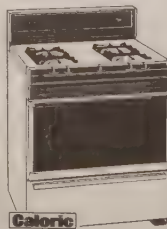
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Trees

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from the windward side right into our home. We no longer can open our windows. The leaves continually fall in against the house. They are difficult to remove and they are poisonous," he said.

Sears did nothing to allay the fears of tree advocates that removal of these two trees would set a precedent for the logging of every camphor in town when he said, "I don't believe we should have camphor trees in our city. I think the city should remove our particular trees and encourage the removal of all camphor trees from our parks."

Eric Johnson, 1436 Portland Ave., said he did not understand how the

removal of the two trees could solve Janet Sears' allergy problem as there were two other camphors on the property and more across the street in Memorial Park. Other speakers expressed the same doubt.

Sears asserted the camphor trees made her "dizzy, nauseous, and unable to control my walking." She said her daughter, Deena Harvey of Rodeo, with whom she often stays when escaping her own house, has also become allergic to camphors.

"My husband's business has suffered," she said. "He can't do his work." Sears is a C.P.A. with offices in his home. "I had to take him to the doctor's today and the doctor had to give him sedatives as he is under too much stress...We had to close our office today so no one could make any money. I haven't been able to help him. I haven't been able to make any money."

Mrs. Sears complained that none of her neighbors had accepted her invitation to come her house and see the situation for themselves. "No one cares about me being sick either," she charged. "These people are so inconsiderate they don't care if a person's dying; they just care about pretty trees."

"They never came over and said, 'We'll help you, we'll rake up your leaves,' or anything. No, we get seven 30-gallon garbage bags full of leaves every three weeks out of my yard. And I don't think it's fair. Those trees belong to the city and I can't handle it any longer."

Mrs. Sears also told the commission that "two organizations" had informed her that the city was violating her rights under the Americans With Disabilities Act. "I will sue if I have to," she said in closing.

The Sears submitted a letter to the commission from the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund Inc., warning the city not to violate her ADA rights. The letter was referred to the city attorney for evaluation.

Commissioner James Lindsey

Budget

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Friends of the El Cerrito Pool and its help in making the city pool self-sustaining, the extension of the recycling program to all K through 12 schools in the city, the new Adopt-a-Park program, and the successful implementation of a two-year budget.

As far as the current financial situation is concerned, Pokorny said the "governor and legislature are poised to raid property taxes again," perhaps twice as deeply as last year. There are to be no general salary increases for employees; of six positions identified for elimination on June 30, three are already vacant (or soon to be vacant), he said.

He also mentioned various state mandates the city must meet and the uncertain future of the redevelopment agency in light of the referendum petition.

According to Pokorny, the staff is working under certain "general policy assumptions" for the 1993-95 budget. They include: preparation of separate redevelopment agency and city budgets; no new sources of funding or increases in rates of any general taxes (except for business licenses); making necessary annual adjustments in fees for service charges to recapture 100 percent costs (including overheads); the increase of reserve levels to \$400,000 in the general fund for 1993-94 and aiming for \$500,000 to \$600,000 in 1994-95 "in recognition of greater reliance on volatile revenue sources and erratic State behavior (all per Project Listen budget task force recommendations);" and continued exploration of ways to reduce administrative costs, maximizing re-

said he found the threat of a lawsuit "almost insulting." He nevertheless joined Ruth Meniketti in voting to disallow the appeal to save the trees.

Lisa Mahaney, 1120 Portland Ave., said that she was disabled herself and had had considerable experience with the ADA. "Someone with allergies using the ADA seems a little bit ludicrous," she said. "If someone were allergic to cement they could sue the city to remove all the cement."

David Maloney, 555 Pierce St., who holds a degree in community health, said that it only takes 20 particles of allergen per cubic meter to provoke an allergic response, and that each tree produces 100,000 of them.

He quoted from The Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons Guide to Good Health: "As far as trees go almost every popular variety is a culprit: elm, maple, oak, ash, birch, cottonwood, pecan, poplar, and mountain cedar."

Maloney said that with a policy of removing mature trees because of a person's allergic reaction to them and no guarantee it would cure the problem, "We might end up removing a variety of trees around the city for this reason."

Don Chelemedos, 919 Filmore St., said that he had known the Sears for many years and had once had an allergic experience with camphor trees cut for firewood. Janet Sears' brother, Carl Zieminski of Redding, told the commission that he had "parked many times in front of sister's house and damaged my car because of the trees."

Peter Michaels, 628 San Carlos Ave., a member of the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission, spoke of that group's concern in preserving the city's trees. He also stated that after reading a letter circulated by Janet Sears setting forth the case for removal he felt that "Most of these reasons are because the trees are inconvenient or present an economic hardship."

Stephen Vernon, 607 Carmel Ave. charged that Mrs. Sears was "unfortunately a smoker, a known smoker with a pack-and-a-half to two-packs-a-day habit. There is nothing in this medical examination that indicates any evaluation of that or of any dietary problems she may have."

Vernon is a psychotherapist and director of the Fort Help Program and Center for Special Problems in Berkeley which treats cases of addiction to tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. He said he asked Dr. Joel Fort, founder of the clinic, and another doctor how a physician could determine a specific respiratory allergen or evaluate an immune system of a heavy smoker and the answer was, "They can't."

In response to a question about

sources for direct services.

There were as yet no council decisions to be made concerning the budget, and specific price figures were not used, except in discussing reserve goals.

During the discussion that followed, however, council member Norman La Force expressed concern about increasing all fees to make city programs 100 percent self-sustaining.

"We have this view that community service programs have to be 100 percent full recovery, yet we don't apply (that same criterion) to police and fire services." Because of Prop. 13 restrictions, he said, many householders "don't pay their fair share for police and fire."

"There's a group of people in this community that somehow seems to think that it's okay if police and fire services are subsidized because of their property tax assessments and that everything else should pay full freight," he said.

In La Force's view, however, if those services "pay full freight," so should police and fire, with residents bearing the cost. He is aware of several communities, for example, that have hired private police forces paid for directly from residential assessments. "In the U.S. today, there are more private police men and women than public police forces," he said.

Using figures estimated last year, La Force said that police and fire services would probably cost each single family resident household about \$450 per year.

He believes that several other community services rank in importance with police and fire pointing, for example, to the importance of affordable childcare.

her smoking from Commissioner Matthew Rinaldi, Mrs. Sears replied, "I am a light cigarette smoker. However, I have not been able to smoke very much since last October because I have had three upper respiratory infections regarding to these trees."

Answering a query by Rinaldi as to how long she had been smoking, Mrs. Sears replied, "I don't know. Maybe on and off 20 years."

Rinaldi said he would like to have an explanation from Dr. Jerome Kaufman, who certified Mrs. Sears' allergy, as to what he meant when he said that she could not be desensitized to the trees by routine treatment, "unless special precautions were taken."

Steve Gacta, 1435 Portland Ave., and Michael Feiner, a member of the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission, both expressed the view that the existing tree removal policy was "flawed." Feiner recommended that the policy be "adjusted."

Commission Chairman Stephen Hofmann observed that, "We have a policy that is unique and I'm not embarrassed with that. When we make policy we make it in a vacuum and then we revise the policy as situations come up. It is naive to think we can come up with a perfect policy on every issue."

He summed up the position of the majority on the commission when he said, "We just don't have enough information at this time to go in and chop down two trees. The commission feels a great responsibility and we are not going to rush into a decision."

The motion referred the issue back to staff to gather more information in these areas:

- "Special precautions" which might be taken which would allow Mrs. Sears to remain in her home without her present health problems.

- Evidence indicating whether or not removal of these two trees alone would correct Mrs. Sears' allergy problem.

- A report on the feasibility of transplanting the two trees in question and information on the types and sizes of trees which might replace them.

Voting in favor of the motion were Stephen Hofmann, Connie Jackson, Sam, Diana Edwards, and Matthew Rinaldi. The commission requested Public Works Director Ron Lefler try to bring about negotiations between the Sears and neighbors opposed to removal of the trees.

The commission urged rapid action from staff with the hope of holding a special meeting to consider the matter further before the next regular meeting of the group on May 13 when it will again be on the agenda.

Referring to the El Cerrito Community Center as another example, he later said, "There's something morally wrong with pricing a community out of using a public facility that was built for community use....That may not be the case; I just don't know."

La Force requested that the staff bring further information to the budget deliberation concerning the impacts the 100 percent fee recovery policy might have on residents.

"In general, the concept (of 100 percent self-sustenance) is a good thing," La Force said. "But providing services at a subsidy can also be a good thing; it depends on ...your social goals."

Both LaForce and council member Norma Jellison expressed concern about identifying a reserve target, in that a large reserve might come at too great a cost, such as the elimination of more employee positions. Again, said LaForce, while upping the reserve is "fine in concept," he doesn't want to make a decision until he sees the "downside" of such an action. "I want to know what the negative impacts will be," he said.

Administrative Services Manager Jim Randall said later that the city will again be working with a two-year budget — one with specifics, the other oriented more toward financial strategies, identifying the key issues that must be dealt with.

At the staff-level, the requested budget should be set within a week or so, Randall said. After that comes several weeks of paper work; the city council is scheduled to begin deliberations on next year's proposed budget at its May 17 meeting.



Science Bowl celebrities return

From left are Albany High School National Science Bowl winners Mike Wang, Matt Sieben, Zach Teitler, Ben Rudiak-Gould, science teacher Bruce Dowling and principal Virginia Kattchee, who is holding the coveted trophy. The group returned home to a Tuesday rally acknowledging their achievement.

Fence

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notice, beds, mattresses, household garbage or even hazardous materials, such as paint, are sometimes left in the yard.

On two different occasions, the recycling staff discovered potentially dangerous hazardous waste materials when they arrived in the morning. It was necessary to call Contra Costa County's hazardous waste division to come identify and remove the material — one an explosive, one an unidentified liquid.

"If this continues, it can be a major cost to our program (which must pay for county retrieval)," said Kattchee.

The fence is also meant to protect the center from thefts of materials (only books and magazines may be removed free from the center; a donation is asked for removal of scrap metal) and from

thefts and vandalism of equipment.

Another addition will help motorists who wish to recycle their used motor oil. A newer, safer double-walled tank should be arriving at the end of May, said Kattchee. Its major advantage is to protect against spillage — recyclers spill oil they're pouring into the tank "on a regular basis," she said.

The tank will be both easier to use and housed in a covered cement containment area that will protect against any spillage that does occur.

The city's recycling center only accepts motor oils, no other types of automotive fluid, Kattchee said. From time to time, people pour things like transmission or brake fluid into the tank, contaminating the entire load which must then be treated as hazardous waste.

"That can cost the center thou-

sands of dollars," she said.

But she noted that after the county will begin a collection program for hazardous wastes. Residents can call (800) 750-4096 to get information on disposal of things as paints, car fluids, chemicals and cleaning products.

Disposal sites will be available locations to be available for dropoffs, but appointments are necessary.

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Corporation yard

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"We should not block the best use of the land," Councilmember Mike Brodsky said in casting the opposing vote on the proposed swap. Brodsky was joined by Councilmembers Robert Good and Elizabeth Baker in a vote to enlist independent realtors to investigate other possible sites in the city.

One goal of a 1988 bond issue to partially fund expansion and rehabilitation of the delapidated corp yard facilities was to consolidate Public Works and Park Department operations and eliminate the shack in Memorial Park now headquarters for city gardeners.

The city has about \$500,000 in reserve designated for corp yard improvements. The estimated value of the 7,500-square-foot plot now in use is \$112,000, bringing the total currently available for the project to \$612,000.

Alternatives with varying degrees of appeal considered for the corporation yard over the years include:

- Buying land next to the existing yard from Hill. The scheme got to a draft plan stage when Hill closed and put the property on the open market.

- A proposal to include in the city's freeway agreement with Caltrans the right of first refusal to surplus right-of-way land from the freeway reconstruction. Closure of the Pierce Street would be large enough, but earliest availability is four or more years away.

- A vacant parcel behind the Middle School Park tennis courts was popular for a while but was determined to be too small and to have access problems.

- An available parcel in Berkeley was rejected as too small, having poor access, security problems and was deemed too far away.

- Buy or lease land now used by El Cerrito as a corp yard; still a consideration but not favored because of the necessity for heavy equipment to travel on city streets to and from the site.

- Purchase of a Cleveland automotive repair shop large enough, was ruled out by the city insisted that the remediate toxic tanks before buying the property. The site has acquired the site as a freeway project.

- A 10-year lease of land owned by Adhesive Products Cleveland was determined too expensive and twice needed. The owner now uses the site for business.

- Acquire land from a nearby property that may become surplus redevelopment project underway is complete, however, cannot "put with UC," according to Councilmember Baker.

- Combine the corp yard operation with a nearby operation such as the racquetball court at the Berkeley school district. deal goes through, operation be combined with the Alameda district at the site.

Hold

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in force regulating trees generally, a Street Tree Removal and Maintenance Policy adopted in 1988 outlines rules for planting, removal and care of street trees and appeal procedures. Privately owned trees and those "on developable property" are exempt.

Dead, damaged and diseased street trees may be removed by the Public Works Department without public notice. Rules specify that trees are the property of the general public, and the city's goal is to

"p" serve, protect and maintain and expand the inventory" of trees.

No street tree shall be removed unless the tree in question is dead, storm damaged, diseased or borer infested beyond reclamation, a potential safety hazard and a liability to the city or has damaged the sidewalk causing a tripping hazard and has been repaired at least three times, according to the policy.

A request to remove a tree uprooting a twice-repaired sidewalk can be made if the owner of the tree

site agrees to pay for tree removal and purchase and plant a replacement tree selected from the city approved trees.

Before an offending tree is cut down for health reasons, a resident must produce proof of medical doctor specializing in allergies verifying adverse reaction to a specific tree and must be "cannot be desensitized to that tree."

The clause was added to the policy last year.

Carousel

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In addition to managing the merry-go-round, the Hollemans will also operate the restaurant, which features hamburgers, hot dogs, shakes, French fries, croissants, pretzels, sodas, juice and a brand new espresso machine.

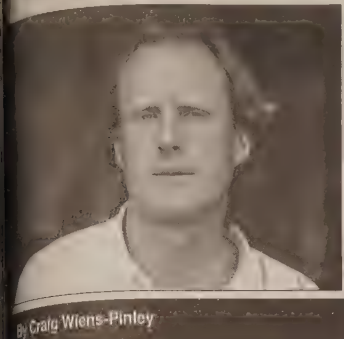
Terri said they plan to cater events like birthday celebrations featuring carousel cake and barbecue.

With their new gig comes a living quarters the Hollemans say

they'll use part time.

"We'll have two bedrooms," Terri.

"Some people have a house and a country home. We have a ranch home and a park-



Meet the catchers of the '90s

When I was a little kid, I had a crew-cut, ugly black-rimmed glasses and freckles all over my face. Needless to say, good looks weren't my strength. Therefore it seemed logical that as a Little League I was a catcher.

For generations, it seems, ugly or fat or unmouthed kids played catcher, a position that no one really wanted to play.

It was true that one had to have a strong arm, and I did (I also pitched).

But catchers weren't considered the most athletically talented and often the good-hit-no-fielders. They donned a mask and squatted behind the plate, hiding on defense until their turn at bat came. In any case, I wasn't very talented, I didn't hit well, and when the ball came in from the pitcher, I flinched. I soon became a full-time pitcher.

Catchers of the '90s are not the unathletic kids anymore. They're usually among the brightest, most talented players on the diamond. St. Mary's catcher Kerry Reeves, El Cerrito signal-caller Mike Hughes and Berkeley's Trigg Splenda are on par with the Bay Area's elite. These players can play and none of them flinch, even in the toughest competition.

Reeves is unique among catcher types, as is Hughes. Reeves hits lead-off and leads the Panthers in homers. His ability to generate offense makes him a welcome addition to any baseball program.

However, the junior's cannon-like arm and quick reflexes behind the plate have been noticed by professional baseball scouts, who like his athleticism, even if his rather thin body looks more like a guard or wide receiver-like than catcher.

"He really is the sparkplug of our team," said St. Mary's coach Bob Cruz of his catcher. "In any case, you have the best catcher in Northern California. He's a key prospect; as a senior, I expect he'll get drafted because he has all the dimensions you'd want in a catcher."

Last week Reeves' overall at the tourney with 10 triples and runs batted in. During this season, he hit .270 with three doubles and as many triples. He also scored 10 runs, stolen eight bases and drove in six runs while compiling an on-base percentage of .413.

Hughes looks more like a basketball player than catcher. Though he is well-built, his 6-4 frame makes him almost spider-like when he attempts to throw out base runners. Like Reeves, however, Hughes can throw, and few test the Gauchos' catching ability successfully.

Hitting isn't much of a problem for Hughes either. El Cerrito's number five hitter had two hits in each of the Gauchos' opening tournament wins last week, banging a two-run homer against Albany and tripling in his next game against Mission of San Jose.

A first-team All-League catcher a year ago, Hughes is batting .333 with 10 RBI and four extra-base hits, including two homers.

For good measure, the senior has stolen eight bases. His efforts are a major reason El Cerrito is 9-15 this season.

"He goes to the right junior college program, and he can become a Division I college player," said El Cerrito coach Dennis Abel of his three-year senior player. "He has good size, a strong arm and good power. He's a good receiver and is hitting the ball with much more authority this year."

Splenda is more like the stereotypical image we have of catchers. A stocky 5-7, 175 junior, Splenda averaged 400 in league play in 1992 while earning All-League mention for his outfield play. This season, Splenda has specialized in blocking pitches and providing leadership for the Yellowjackets, who've climbed near the .500 mark after a month-long losing streak.

Lately, Splenda has given Berkeley its most effective offense, too. Against El Cerrito two weeks ago, he drove in four runs with a pair of hits.

In the San Rafael Tourney opener, the Jacket cleanup hitter had two more hits. Splenda then showed that performance with a three-for-three effort in semi-final play. In fact, during the last six games, Splenda has 10 hits in 17 at-bats, raising his batting average to .417.

"We worked hard with Splenda in the fall and he improved so much it's phenomenal," said Berkeley coach Mike Trainor. "He's a good receiver, calls a gutty game, and blocks everything in the dirt. He works as hard as anybody I've seen blocking balls."

While Albany's Ko Douglas isn't a polished player yet, the Cougar freshman has had moments of brilliance also. He threw out three base runners in the contest and has started most his team's games during his first year of varsity play. Having the senior Douglas around three more years gives coach Dave Gaskins much to smile about.



St. Mary's Kerry Reeves can hit as well as catch

Jeff Lindquist photos

Baseball Roundup

Local teams out in tourney play

By Craig Wiens-Pinley

El Cerrito's varsity baseball team began the week with high hopes while playing in its own Easter tournament, but a hot-hitting Newark club upended the Gauchos' title dream with a 9-4 championship-game victory last Thursday at Cerrito Vista Park.

The winners had 12 hits, making a loser of El Cerrito's Mike Scott (4-3). Scott tossed five innings, allowing all seven Newark runs. Meanwhile, El Cerrito got just four hits, two by Joe Pearce, to fall to 9-5 on the season.

"Newark played a good game," said El Cerrito coach Dennis Abel. "They hit the ball well. We played our best outing against Mission last week, but we weren't sharp against Newark. You always like to win your own tournament, but anytime you win two of three in a tournament, you've got to be pleased."

El Cerrito got on the board first in the top of the first frame as Pearce drove in a run with a ground out. But Newark tallied three runs in their half of the inning and scored four more in the second to break open the contest.

Pearce drove in another run with a double in the Gauchos' third and D'Angelo Ross had an RBI single in a two-run sixth frame, but El Cerrito had little offense otherwise.

Pearce leads El Cerrito with 18 RBI while Mike

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El Cerrito catcher Mike Hughes gets high sign



St. Mary's Malcolm Breaux puts St. Joe player out

Steady play ranks tennis team at 4-0

By Craig Wiens-Pinley

Vanilla isn't the most imaginative flavor in the world, but most people think it's pretty effective as far as sweets go. Like vanilla, Berkeley's boys' tennis team avoids colorful play, but a 4-0 record has given coach Carlton Jones many sweet dreams this season.

The Yellowjackets rely on steady baseline play and a deep set of players which has proven interchangeable in a pinch. So far the mix has worked wonders, especially in a 7-2 early-season win over Bay Valley Athletic League league champion De La Salle. This win has given the team confidence to better last season's 13-4 overall mark and second-place league finish.

"We have a deep team, not just heavy from numbers one to five, but really steady," said Jones, a second-year coach at Berkeley. "But we've got some talented people in our middle spots. Overall, we don't have a superstar, but we're team-oriented."

While no one dominates the Jacket roster, number one doubles twosome Jon Seaton and Themious Carabas had considerable success last year. Thus far they're 4-0 and may be a favorite in the BVAL tourney. "Carabas and Seaton play together well," admits

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For now it's the BVAL pits for Jacket softball

By Craig Wiens-Pinley

Berkeley's girls' softball team has had its share of up-and-down seasons, but coach Kristin Glenchur has been riding a rollercoaster during April that she'd just as soon get off. An unexplained lack of offense has cost the Jacket squad dearly during the opening games of the Bay Valley Athletic League season and the squad is mired in the BVAL cellar with an 0-3 mark.

The latest frustration occurred last Tuesday at Berkeley's Grove/Russell Park as visiting Antioch pushed across eight runs in the first two frames to beat Berkeley (5-5 overall) by a 10-4 count. The Yellowjackets managed to score their first league run, but had just three hits overall. The team has had only 10 hits in BVAL play.

Rachel Salzmann and Kiersten Drake didn't play against Antioch, but nerves were more a factor than players. "They scored on errors, some passed balls and a couple of bloop singles in the first inning and got a couple in the second and that was it," said Glenchur. "From the third inning on, we won the game."

After Antioch's early-inning scoring, Berkeley tried to make a comeback, scoring two runs in the fourth

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Little League

By Niall Adler

As the trees bloom and the days get longer, another year of Albany Little League is already beginning. On March 27 at 12:30 p.m. first pitches were thrown in games between the White Sox and Pirates and Dodgers and A's. In the White Sox/Pirate game the White Sox who had fabulous defense by second baseman Ryan Dennis could not score enough runs. The Dodgers on the other hand scored 11 and beat the A's 11-4.

In a game between the Giants and Cardinals on the same day the Giants won behind the hitting of Mike DiConstanzo and Todd Eagle's (.364 team leading batting average) two RBI's and closer Mike Seltzer, who struck out five in two innings in route to earning the save. In the field the Giants' second baseman Yow Yiadom had a "defensive gem" to end the game.

In the game between the Braves and Cubs the Braves came out victorious 8-5. The Cubs had too many mental and physical errors which led to seven runs in the third and fourth innings. Peter Blaustein went 1-2, and Tom Nilles went 2-3 with two runs and one RBI in a losing outcome.

April 3: The A's took on the Giants. The Giants prevailed 8-7 behind Eagle's three hits and two RBI's and Seltzer's three no-hit innings and four strikeouts. The Cubs played the White Sox and the Cubs were led

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UCB club volleyball player in spotlight

The University of California's club volleyball hitter, Scott Bishop, was featured recently in *Sports Illustrated* as "Old Spice Athlete of the Month."

As a senior outside hitter for the four-time national champion Berkeley men's club team, Bishop helped lead the Bears to three national championships (1990, '91 and '92). His contributions earned him 1991 and 1992 tournament MVP awards as well as one of 12 spots in last summer's Olympic development camp.

At 6-foot-2, 170 pounds the 22-year-old environmental science major often plays in the shadow of much larger, frontline players.

However, by utilizing perfect technique and his tremendous leaping ability, Bishop has become the premiere hitter on the best college club team in America.

In addition to the hard work, Bishop's success hasn't come without cost. He literally pays about \$1,000 a year to be a member of the club team that receives little financial support from the university.

Little League

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by Chris Chin's three RBI's, Josh Phelps' two RBI's and winner Stephen Rice's five strikeouts. The Cubs still won 13-7. After being down 7-2 in the bottom of the sixth the Pirates came back to tie the game against the Dodgers. Then in the eighth after a triple by Ben Epstein, Peter Fisher drove in the game winning run. The Cardinals played the Braves and Colin Becker had the game winning hit to beat the Braves 11-10.

April 12: The Braves beat the White Sox 10-5. The White Sox started hitting after reserve catcher Daniel Greenman laced a double, and Mike Drapeau almost hit a grand slam, but the team behind a complete game by Chris Gaeta could not catch up. In other action the Cardinals beat the A's 5-3 even though the A's Garrett Pock hit his first homerun of the year off of Colin Becker.

April 13: The Giants beat the Dodgers 16-4 behind Seltzer's four hits and four runs, DiConstanzo's two RBI's, Eagle's five RBI's and winner Jaime Arredondo's three shut out innings. In the other game between the Cubs and Pirates, the Cubs won 7-3. The Cubs were led by Morgan Corbel who went 1-2 with 2 RBI's and went three innings with three strikeouts, Stephen Rice won the game and Mark Henderson added 2 RBI's.

April 15: The Dodgers beat the Cardinals 6-5. Key players for the

Dodgers were Kareem Chadley's who had a 3-3 day, Chris Gunderson who was the game tying run in the sixth and Tim Onweller who hit the game winning RBI. Chadley and winner Tim Onweller each struck out five. The A's beat the White Sox and the only hit for the Sox came by Mark Gomez.

April 16: the Giants beat the Cubs 5-3 with help from Eagle's three RBI's, Kevin Kimani's two RBI's, and Edwin Sinn's two hits and two RBI's. Sacha Post and Dave Yadeger both played solid defense at their respective positions.

The Braves beat the Pirates 16-5 behind 14 hits which included five doubles and two triples. Vinay Negi and Jon Ball went 3-4 and Carlisle Crumby went 2-3 with a bases loaded clearing double. Alex Harrison also contributed with a triple.

Braves Coach Ted Valli commented about his team that, "Adam Olson has pitched his way with great form and Aaron Valli has thrown well in relief. Ted Peterson is throwing bullets as was expected and Jon Ball's accuracy is right on target. The Nedsokia brothers have taken charge of the base stealing and are playing outfield very well."

"Our only 10 year old, thirdbaseman Vic Martos is a coach's dream with a bright future in front of him. Kevin Stanfield's presence at the plate has many opposing pitchers nervous."

April 18: The Cardinals (3-2) beat the Cubs (2-3) 6-3 behind Casey Jackson's .600 season batting average and thirdbaseman Jason Hemp's solid defense. Other players helping the Cardinals to a 3-2 record are pitchers Sam King, Colin Becker, Jacopo Schaaf, Loren Batting and Scott Kagawa. The Cubs were led by pitchers Ron Vega and Tom Nilles, and Mark Spear went 1-3 with a run to help in the losing cause.

The Dodgers (2-3) pulled out a victory over the White Sox (0-5) 12-11. The White Sox Nate Alger pitched very well after the first and Jon Opet played very well defensively. The Dodgers were led by Onweller's two RBI's, Martin's three RBI's, two in the sixth, and Chadley's game winning RBI. This was the second come from behind win for the Dodgers in the last two games.

The Pirates (3-2) beat the A's (2-3) 8-3. Lincoln Hurlbud's 3-3 day and Ben Epstein's pitching and hitting led the way for the Pirates. The A's were led by Dan Ravens who is batting .625.

The Giants (5-0) beat the Braves (3-2) 11-7 in a game dominated by walks. Key hits by Adam Olson and Vic Martos in the sixth were not enough for the Braves to pull it out. The Giants were led by the pitching of Jaime Arredondo, Eagle's 2-4 day and two RBI's and Joel Hooper's three RBI's.

collecting just two hits in support of a fine pitching performance by Tripp. Tripp is now 2-3 on the season.

Berkeley plays host to Pittsburgh today at 3:45 p.m. at Grove/Russell Park.

Kaled Salaam, who are a combined 7-1 at the first two slots. "Hoogs is a fairly steady player who's really improving," said Jones, the director of Pro Kennex, a junior tennis league based in Oakland

while freshman Aaron Watson and Tidy Bled are 3-1 at third doubles. Watson also can play singles in a pinch, winning the sixth singles match against De La Salle.

The top singles players for Berkeley include Mark Hoogs and

Roundup

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Hughes has 10. Scott, along with Berkeley's Ryan Connors-Copeland, leads the area in wins with four. El Cerrito plays today in a 3:45 p.m. contest against Clayton Valley. The Gauchos are also host to Antioch Tuesday, both games being played at Cerrito Vista Park.

Albany wasn't supposed to be able to play in the El Cerrito tourney as coach Dave Gaskins was unsure as to how his team would make it to their first game, originally scheduled at Pinole Valley. However, arrangements were made to accommodate the Cougars. With three straight tourney losses, Gaskins' team may have wished the tourney organizers weren't so accommodating.

After an opening-game 14-6 loss to El Cerrito, Albany dropped a 14-1 contest to Mission-San Jose last Tuesday.

Dylan Martin started and took the loss for the Cougars.

"We made error after error after error," said Gaskins after the Mission game. "We just didn't seem to have the drive in the tournament. It was a complete turnaround from last week."

The Cougars finished up the tourney against St. Patrick's of Vallejo, losing 11-4. Matt Bartolome took the loss for the Cougars, who were 4-12-1 heading into yesterday's game versus Piedmont.

Albany plays against visiting St. Joseph tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. in ESAL action.

Berkeley

San Rafael High School's home park has turned into a cozy home for Berkeley high school this spring. The Yellowjackets hadn't won a game since beating host San Rafael 6-2 on March 16, a string of five games.

Fortunately for Berkeley, the opener of the San Rafael tourney was played at the same site last Tuesday and the result was similar, an 8-5 win for the Jackets, this time over Vacaville. Connors-Copeland (4-2) got the victory, tossing a complete-game eight-hitter while allowing one earned run.

Connors-Copeland allowed three runs in the first frame and two in the second as infielders Ben Wells

and Robbie Allen made two errors each. However, both atoned for their defensive mistakes with big days at the plate. Wells had two runs scored and an RBI triple to key a three-run game-breaking sixth inning and Allen had two hits, a two-run single in Berkeley's five-run second inning and an RBI triple in the sixth which brought Wells home.

Trigg Splenda added two hits for the Jackets while Pete Schreiber chipped in with two runs batted in. A day later, at a new site (Albert Park), the team lost 5-3 to the tourney host in semi-final action. Oliver Petit dropped his fifth straight decision as the winners scored two runs in the fifth and sixth frames to overcome a 2-1 deficit.

Berkeley opened the scoring in the opening inning as Schreiber doubles and scored on Splenda's single. After San Rafael tied the score, the Yellowjackets took the lead as Reggie Santa Cruz drove home Asa Gifford with a ground out.

Splenda had a three-for-three day for Berkeley while Sam Farnsworth had a pair of doubles to pace a seven-hit attack.

Farnsworth's second double in the seventh got the Jackets within two runs, but George Woolley struck out with two on and two out to end the contest.

"We just didn't play well against San Rafael," said Berkeley coach Mike Trainor. "We went through the motions."

The Yellowjackets were bombed by Armijo 16-4 last Thursday in the third-place game as Zach Chun (0-1) took the loss in a spot start.

Farnsworth drilled a homer for Berkeley (4-9), one of the few bright spots in the game.

The Jackets scored their first run when Schreiber singled and scored on a passed ball.

Woolley drove in another run with a double for Berkeley, which plays host to Pittsburgh today at 3:45 p.m. in a league game held at San Pablo Park. On Tuesday, the Yellowjackets host Pinole Valley at the same place for a 3:45 p.m. contest.

St. Mary's

"We won a big one," exclaimed Panther coach Bob Cruz after his

team beat East Shore League rival St. Joseph's place game at the Logansport Mike Sanders (2-2) pitched and a third innings for the Fernando Rey Cruz pitched save getting five straight

Matt Mills drove in the for the losing team, Reeves drove in two double and a triple and Edwards added a solo Cruz drove in another single.

"This was a real good us. We didn't make an error. For the tournament, hurlers yielded just six runs in three games, totaling 20

On Friday, St. Mary's Joseph met again, this time in an ESAL clash in Berkeley. The hurlers yielded just six runs in three games, totaling 20

St. Mary's tallied three in the second inning to erase deficit and Eveland tossed pitches in four innings, three hits. Murphy was a good, fanning three and got run in earning his second the season.

Mark David Riddle started the Panthers' big second and eventually scored on bases-loaded walk. An error by Joseph shortstop Joe

Edwards scored a fourth run on the front end of the steal attempt and Reeves and scored on an error by Malcolm Breaux singled host team's final run.

Breaux had two hits for while Nelson and Mills hit each for the Pilots, their third straight contest 11-0 start.

"This team has been down because our young inexperienced," said Cruz. "But now we're making right time."

Tomorrow, the Panthers St. Elizabeth and Wednesday's hosts Salesian.

Both of those contests 3:30 p.m.

Softball

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inning, with help from a Willi Sanchez RBI single. But with the bases loaded, Tejuanya Tolbert grounded out to end the frame. The Jackets scored another in the sixth and one in the seventh, but the visitors had too much too early.

"We faced two teams we should've put losses on and now it's been an upheaval," admitted Glenchur. "We're in transition and we just have to go on."

Last Friday, the Yellowjackets lost to host Clayton Valley 3-0 while

Tennis

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Jones. "They know when to change the rhythm of the game and they communicate well on the court."

John Wong and Sam Baker, a sophomore, have turned in four straight wins at second doubles

while freshman Aaron Watson and Tidy Bled are 3-1 at third doubles. Watson also can play singles in a pinch, winning the sixth singles match against De La Salle.

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\$850 VICTORIAN cozy 2 bedroom, private entry, clawfoot tub, fireplace, stained glass, deck, small private garden, big closets, laundry on premises, big kitchen, very nice. Includes water only. \$1275 security. Cat okay. Available June. 521-5428

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\$725 TWO bedroom, 1 bath sunny apartment with view close to SF transportation, AEK. Lease \$700 security deposit. 526-0554

\$800 ALBANY 2 bedrooms, top floor duplex, laundry, parking. Quiet excellent location. Available. 525-4718

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\$595 COZY one room studio, cocktail bar. 6675 Larger Studio, cocktail bar, balcony. 8650 Studio with private sauna, sunken tub. Secluded elegance, charming oriental garden, tea house, brook, flowing ponds, waterfalls, swimming pool. Utilities, cable television included. Suitable 1 person. 845-7155

717 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

\$465- \$565 GORGEOUS remodeled, blond hardwood floors, new kitchens/ tiled baths, sunny, lush-tropical. 204-9428

\$495 SUNNY, quiet, ground floor garden apartment, 4-plex near Ashby BART. Hardwood floors, fence, garden, locked gate, pets negotiable. 843-0450

\$575 ONE bedroom in fiveplex, central Berkeley location. parking, light upstairs unit. Call Kim 524-2253

\$750 NORTH Berkeley 1+ bedroom in duplex, available now. Near BART, park, shopping. Fire-shy painted deck and laundry. Call Susan 845-8928 ext 109 or 415-751-7015

\$875 BERKELEY 1+ bedroom apartment, washer, dryer, bay view, Claremont/ Ashby, #46153-B Homefinders 549-6450

\$875 CHARMING duplex 1 bedroom garden apartment, Elmhurst- Claremont. No pets. Available May 1. 658-7937

\$995 LOVELY PENTHOUSE. Deck with view, recently renovated. 1 bedroom, wall to wall carpet, AEK, parking. Water and garbage paid. EQUITY 528-5225

\$1150- \$1250 ONE bedroom, two bath suites 1 with private sauna, sunken tub, another with 2 floors, deck, and balcony. Secluded elegance, charming garden, tea house, brook, flowing ponds, waterfalls, pool. Utilities, Cable Television included. 845-7155

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718 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS

\$625 TWO bedroom, 1 bath. Spacious rooms, near elementary school. Section 8 okay. Apartment 658-0933

\$716 BERKELEY 2 bedroom apartment, balcony, laundry, parking. Regent/ Parker. #47026-B Homefinders 549-6450

\$1000 NORTH Berkeley apartment, newly refurbished, fireplace, yard, no smoking, no pets. Fastidious people. 525-8668

\$1250 LANDMARK Victorian North Berkeley. Large split-level, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room, laundry, parking, parking available. Near shopping. 415-593-5902

719 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS

\$1400 ELMWOOD large 3 bedroom, 1 bath, upstairs flat, ideal for living and office space for two. Available early June. 548-1685

\$1850 NEW 4 bedroom, 2 bath fourplex with all amenities. Garage, First, security. (B150). Year Lease Available May 1. 524-7983

720 El Cerrito & North

\$535 EL CERRITO 1 bedroom, great sun light, carpets, stove, refrigerator, garage, convenient location, clean. Agent 526-9661

\$575 RICHMOND beautiful 1 bedroom apartment duplex, security deposit, available now. 233-1525 after 3 p.m

\$620 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom, patio, \$680 2 bedroom, yard, near BART, Plaza. 832-8328 eves

\$620 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom, 4-plex, pet, garage, laundry, Central/ Santa Clara. #47103-B Homefinders 549-6450

\$650 TWO bedroom, stove, refrigerator, carpets, drapes, coin laundry, close to BART/ SF bus. Security deposit \$600. 254-4119

\$675 ONE bedroom, new building, AEK, security dog, laundry available, garage. Must see! 233-8707

\$750 TWO bedroom, recently remodeled, parking, laundry, close to all transportation. No pets. Quiet. 524-9848

\$770 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom, balcony, new paint, carpets, convenient to BART. Cat okay. 527-4298

\$800 TWO bedroom lower unit, \$700 deposit, all utilities included, Cable Available April 25. 524-7235

\$820 TWO bedroom, fireplace, garage, laundry, storage, clean. Greenhouse window. Near BART/ shopping. 724-3089

721 Emeryville

\$200- \$1350 New live/work. 1175 59th St. Private entries, Skylights. Carpeted floors. 215-2689, 635-7227

\$925 DUPLEX lower unit, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious, newly remodeled. Great kitchen/ patio, yard. No pets, no smoking. Vallejo and 61st. 528-2253

722 Lamorinda & East

\$595 ORINDA charming studio type hide-a-way, small deck, pretty view, private entry, perfectly clean. 254-2338

723 Oakland Piedmont & South

724 APT. FOR RENT STUDIOS

\$365- \$470- \$490 STUDIOS Near Lake Secore. No pets. No parking. Quiet person. Lease 635-1651

\$365- UP studios across from Oakland Library, carpets, drapes, clean. Call Heath 893-1100; Dave 639-1670

\$395- \$485 5160 CLAREMONT Avenue, Oakland, small large studios. Hardwoods. Laundry. Lesse bonus! 652-7278

\$395 STUDIO, \$500 1 bedroom. Lake Merritt. Well-maintained, clean, quiet complex, good tennis, spacious, close to shopping, bus, school. Easy access to freeways. Ask about our summer special. Agent, 523-9233

\$399 STUDIO, Best deal, large, fresh, Casablanca fan, Perfect student/ budgeting professional accommodation. Bill 530-3634

\$410- \$420 STUDIO apartments off Park Blvd. New carpets, paints, totally remodeled. Seniors welcome. (415) 761-9373

\$415 STUDIOS, part utilities, low move-in. Lake View, quiet secured building. 118 Athol Ave. 763-6274

\$425 LARGE studio apartment, North Oakland near Hill Hill in triplex, near ground floor unit. Ideal for students/ senior citizen. Clean, ready to move in. 672-6898

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Downtown near Lake includes all electric kitchen, walk to shops, drapes, water, and garage. Reserved secure parking inside available. Lakemont 1520 Jackson St. Delicately across street. References. No pets. Quality Building

\$425 VICTORIAN duplex, 1 block below 580, on Harrison St. High ceilings, 3 large rooms, nice hardwood floors, stove and refrigerator, private entrance. 653-6595

\$440 SUNNY studio. Quiet security building. Full kitchen, immaculate. Laundry facilities. Non-smoker. No pets. 658-9622

\$450- \$495 LAKE Merritt, clean quiet building, most utilities paid, also 1 bedroom. \$595. 658-3700

\$450- \$495 STUDIOS, Charming, high ceilings, breakfast nook, great view, quiet building. 415-593-5902

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ROCKRIDGE

725 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS
\$700 WALK- Rockridge Center, Piedmont Ave 1+ bedroom flat, fresh, clean No pets Deposit 254-9754

726 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$750 601 BROOKLYN 2 bedroom, 1 bath Deck, dishwasher, off-street parking, coin laundry Call Tina 839-7155

727 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$1050 POOL House, 2 bedroom, laundry, fireplace, pool, safe, no smokers Includes utilities 1 lease 635-0843

728 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$950 MORMON Temple area 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse, cozy backyard, 2 decks, washer, dryer, garage, peek-a-boo view, Close to Bus/ BART 530-8523

729 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$950 PIEDMONT Ave area on Monte Cristo New 2 bedroom flat dishwasher, parking, deck, computer access 658-9990

730 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$950 TWO bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, dishwasher, fireplace, pool, sauna, security building 500 Vermont Street 222-1503

731 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$975 THREE story townhouse, 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths in fourplex Spanish style Lakeshore and MacArthur in Excelsior Court One block from Lake Fireplace, stove, refrigerator, garage, washer, dryer, large basement, security deposit No pets 893-1911

732 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$995 285 LEE St. Luxury apartment 2 bedroom New building, Quiet! Best Adams Point location! Balcony, walk-in closets, parking, Laundry Must see! Manager 8304, 465-3534 or 465-0188

733 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1000 TWO bedroom plus den, upper flat in duplex on Mandana, hardwood floors, dining area, gas stove, mini-beds Pets okay with deposit 465-9064 or 783-4769 Agent, no fee

734 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1025 TWO bedroom, 2 bath penthouse, Adams Point, fireplace, deck, dishwasher, parking 639-6718

735 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1049 UPSCALE 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo, double door entry, new bleached wood cabinets, new carpets Available May 15 510-229-4575

736 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1050 PENTHOUSE 420 Merritt, views, fireplace, 2 car garage, 1 block Lake and buses, sunny, quiet, secure, large deck 339-9584

737 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1085 WOODSY, secluded, quiet, Glenview duplex, hardwood floors, laundry, garage, yard, 1005 Elbert (Everett) 652-9321

738 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1100 NORTH Oakland flat, charming old house, fireplaces, laundry, garage, garden May 1 644-0705, 848-3120

739 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1100 PENTHOUSE, Grand Lake deluxe 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, plank hardwoods, deck 839-2387, 524-3125

740 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1195 LUXURIOUS Penthouse, upper Lake Shore, panoramic view of Lake, 1300 sq ft 2 bedroom, 2 baths, 3 fireplaces, AEK, fully carpeted, security building, underground parking, pool 465-3648 or 465-5031

741 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1200 BAY VIEW!
Penthouse, dramatic 2 bedroom 2 bath, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, balcony, garage, no pets 465-5854

742 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1200 LARGE penthouse, 2 bath, near Piedmont View, decks, hardwood floors, washer-dryer, garage 547-2638

743 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1200 LEASE 2 bedroom condominium near Rose Garden, sunny, deck, view, washer-dryer, dishwasher, security parking 465-9064, 785-4769

744 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1200 TWO bedroom, 2 bath condo, top floor, AEK, high ceiling, beautiful hillside view, near Claremont County Club 3 year lease No pets 654-3163

745 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1225 PENTHOUSE Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, gated parking Private View Large deck 268-1006

746 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1250 PENTHOUSE, privacy and comfort, spacious 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, washer-dryer, very large deck, double garage, small pet okay, near Lake Merritt By appointment 510-832-7636

747 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1300 ROCKRIDGE Charming Craftsman style 2 bedroom flat Gorgeous Hardwood, formal dining, fireplace, yard, garage Lease 654-3701

748 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1300 TWO bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths Many amenities Secure building Altm style lobby Rockridge area 797-4657

749 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$1500 LIVE/WORK opportunity, architecturally designed office adjacent to business district North Oakland Ideal for professional artist or small business Call Michael at 212-947-6840

750 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$670 NEAR Piedmont, quiet 2 bedroom, sun deck, laundry, new carpets, utilities Evenings 531-4509, 482-1072

751 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS
\$PAUCIO 2 bedroom flat, separate dining, fireplace, hardwoods, garage, well-maintained beautiful grounds/ patio, Oakland/Piedmont border Non-smokers No pets 632-8654

752 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$727 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$800 LARGE 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, spacious upper unit, wall-to-wall carpet, large closets, garage 2451 35th Ave., Oakland 415-905-6823

753 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$850 SPACIOUS 3 bedroom, 3 bath, newly remodeled duplex, Glenview District, 504-0238, 530-4963

754 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$900 THREE bedroom, 2 baths, dining room, carpeted, no pets First and security deposit 415-681-5037 evenings

755 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$950 NORTH Berkeley 3+ bedroom duplex, yard, deck, near BART, Kaiser/ Cedar #46994-B Homefinders 549-6450

756 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$1200 THREE bedroom, 2 full bath, Victorian flat, view, modern kitchen, yard, Piedmont area, 655-0499

757 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$1200 UPPER Glenview, large duplex, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, fireplace Great view Laundry 482-3721

758 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$1250 DIRECTLY ON LAKE
Views, 2 baths, formal dining, fireplace Some utilities Parking 841-1960

759 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$1250 MONTH 3 bedroom spacious duplex on Lake Merritt Spectacular view 1 1/2 baths, living, formal dining Hardwood floors 2 car parking, laundry, excellent for sharing professionals and or home office Available May 1 Deposit required 546-2390 days, 834-2066 evenings

760 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$1400 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse, fireplace, garage, 6308 Mountain Blvd 632-7806

761 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
\$1975 LUXURY Penthouse, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3000+ sq ft, fireplace, formal dining, lanai, panoramic view of Oakland and SF, 3 balconies, laundry hook-up, large pantry, hardwood floors, security building, near Piedmont Available June 10 652-5299

762 APT. FOR RENT 3 OR MORE BEDROOMS
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725 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

\$700 WALK- Rockridge Center, Piedmont Ave 1+ bedroom flat, fresh, clean No pets Deposit 254-9754

\$720 CLASSIC 1920 Art Deco building Large 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, cedar lined closets, high ceilings, formal dining room, private garden, Lake views, parking Near transportation Security building 832-4782

\$725 EXTREMELY spacious, sunny 1 bedroom available in older Spanish style Rockridge building near BART, Market Hall Includes heat, parking 507 Forest 547-7426, 540-0295

\$725 CLEAN 1+ bedroom, near College and Broadway Water and garbage included 831-1206

\$745 ONE bedroom near Rose Garden, garage, washer/dryer, 655-6159

\$745 UPPER Rockridge, modern, security view, elevator, balcony, BART, laundry 5901 Broadway (Ocean View) 652-9321

\$750 ART DECO
Adams Point, security building, hardwood floors, spacious, rooftop garden 415 Bellevue 893-7543

\$750 MONTCLAIR cozy in-law, deck, wooded, 1+ bedroom, wall-to-wall Freshly painted Ideal for 1, 531-0923

\$750 ONE bedroom (duplex), fireplace, hardwoods, dining, laundry, parking Near park 3650/ 3652 Dimond 420-8983

\$750 VERY large, sunny, Lake view, dining room, security, laundry, part utilities Parking available 530-5504

\$750 VERY large 1+ bedroom High ceilings, hardwood floors, Near Oakland- San Francisco transportation 883-0711

\$760 LARGE sunny 1 bedroom, formal dining, fireplace, oak floors, walk-in closet, garage, near Lake shopping 556, 558 Merritt Ave Available May 1 832-3583

\$780 ATTRACTIVE, sunny 1 bedroom near Piedmont, garden apartment, hardwood floors, laundry, appliances, garage 415-664-8657

\$795 EXTREMELY Spacious & Elegant
Large 1 bedroom with panoramic view, formal dining room, extra closet space, hardwood, all utilities Available April 5 491 Crescent St 839-5978

\$795 431 EDGEWOOD, 1 bedroom (like duplex), fireplace, garage, patio, quiet, sunny Near transportation, shops Small pet okay 339-9584

\$800 ONE bedroom on Lake Shore 1929 Luxury Art Deco building, 900-1000 sq ft, Hardwood floors, walk-in closets, cats okay 451-9062

\$800 ONE bedroom in fourplex, near Piedmont border Fireplace, view, cat okay 655-6547

\$815 SPACIOUS quiet home-like flat, refurbished, formal dining, view, Lake, hardwoods, garage, 843-9058, 254-8667

\$850 INCLUDES all utilities Beautiful unique apartment, just renovated Mexican tile floors Bedroom 17' x 15', private entrance Good storage Beautiful back yard China Hill 444-2698

\$850 LARGE, sunny, separate entrance, hardwood floors, fireplace, separate living/ dining room, balcony in older beautiful building 455-0323

\$875 GLENVIEW duplex, spacious one bedroom Separate dining room, Washer, dryer, fireplace, yard, garage 530-7812

\$925 ROCKRIDGE
Charming 1+ bedroom, hardwood floors, washer-dryer, yard in sunny duplex 1 block above College Ave Walk to BART Plus utilities No pets Available May 16th 527-8819

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\$950 IN-LAW apartment, near Montclair, private entrance, 1 bedroom, kitchen, living room with fireplace Shower, Jacuzzi bath and sauna. Partially furnished Secluded and quiet View Includes utilities 339-6463

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\$475 OAKLAND Hills, two rooms, fireplace, bath, garage, laundry 531-2825

\$550 CLEAN, roomy 2 bedroom apartment New China Town area Oakland/ Stove, refrigerator, 510-834-4172, off street parking

\$580-780 ADAMS Point 1 and 2 bedrooms, Elevator, parking, small quiet building Audre, 444-6685

\$650 ROCKRIDGE, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, AEK, laundry, no pets 652-9664/ 653-7414

\$650 TWO bedroom, 1 bath in fourplex, off-street parking 557 66th St 836-0845

\$665 CLOSE to Piedmont Ave, 2 bedroom garden apartment, small Victorian building, yard, laundry 482-9484

\$675 NEAR LESTER 2 bedroom, 1 bath, AEK, new carpet, gas heat, coin laundry Garden setting One year lease Call Ruby at 451-3508 for an appointment

\$675 ADAMS Point beautifully remodeled 2 bedroom Victorian, sunny, newly painted, new kitchen, large closets, refinished oak floors, Levolors, 415-863-6390

\$675 OFF Keller above 580, tourx, appliances, carpet, drapes, laundry, storage, yard, Gary 839-5341

\$675 TWO bedroom large, bright and happy fourplex, laundry, parking 636-0823

\$675 UPPER Piedmont Avenue, 3779 Harrison, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, AEK, new carpet, deck, off-street parking, coin laundry, storage Call Kevin at 531-6969

\$690 775 KINGSTON Ave Pool Modern building, 2 blocks to Piedmont Ave Parking available \$15 per month 447-1907

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\$695-5700 for 2 bedrooms with SPACIOUS living area FREE covered and controlled access parking Balconies and elevator Walking distance to tennis courts, shopping, and Lake Merritt. 893-6276

\$695 OAKLAND Dimond District, 2901 MacArthur Blvd New, quiet, secure building/ garage 2 bedroom 458-1650

\$695 SUNNY 2 bedroom, view, eat-in kitchen, balcony, security, parking 654-6588

\$720 ADAMS Point, 282 Park View Terrace 2 bedroom, 1 bath Wall-to-wall carpet, coin laundry, intercom entry building, parking extra Call Bart at 832-2354

\$725 TWO bath, modern, clean, Adams Point No pets, parking, laundry, dishwasher, large closets 426-9426

\$735 NEAR PIEDMONT, quiet, sunny 2 bedroom, fireplace, balconies, laundry, parking available, cat okay 428-4962

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Girls softball season underway

By Don Porter

Spring showers dampened the fields but certainly not the spirits of the 250 players as the Albany/Berkeley Girls Softball League opened its 11th season last week.

With mandatory rotation of players at the defensive positions again a hallmark of this unique league, the all-volunteer coaching staffs of the eight upper division and eight lower division teams had their hands full as they constantly juggled a staggeringly diverse array of skills, ages and sizes. As the coaches searched for the right combinations and their Casey Stengel impersonations, their young charges ran like pumas and worked on their "Michelle Grainger smoke."

In the Upper Division (11-14 yrs.), where the stolen base is now legal and effective ("I only got one stolen base, but it was home! I hope their catcher is okay, I got a cut on my arm — totally cool!" said one player.), the week and a half of practice was not enough to produce error-free play, but the relatively low scores revealed solid softball.

At the new King Jr. High School diamond, Computer Lingo, in spite of only having 12 game-ready players, had 19 hits in their four-inning game against Nelson, Meyer and Ung. Lingo came out on top (10-6) with Allison Doolan, Chloe Ellis and Maya Pridgen leading the offense.

Pitchers Margaret White, Marisa Wong and Micaela Gerardin (pitching in her first game ever) were able to scatter their opponents' hits and keep the game just out of reach. Lingo rookie Shabram Bahmanian, facing veteran hurlers revealed her specialties ("ropes where they ain't"), as the Lingo bats were just too much.

Nelson, Meyer and Ung's Aimee Williams proved to be an ideal lead-off hitter as she made it to first nearly every time at bat and then stole two bases (scoring once as she took the plate away from the catcher).

Nelson, Meyer and Ung pitchers Meghan Ferreira and Levy Sheng kept the game close all the way with fine control and Anna Smedley, in her first pitching assignment, hurled fire as she struck out two.

At the new Berkeley high school field — the special infield soil mix courtesy of American Soil Products of Berkeley — Jane Hammond Events held off Red Oak Realty for six innings, although Red Oak's Vanessa Preisler's timely hits (two) and stolen bases (two) could not be denied. Even the fine fielding of Red Oaks' Kirsten Harris at short and Mariel Chatman in left could not stop the torrid Events' offensive and defensive combinations.

Lucy Cline drove in two when she smashed a hole in the sky in the second inning. Alexandra ("Fred") Hammond made, or assisted in, a total of seven putouts (all three of the third), and, in the sixth, Emily Helliesen and Laurel Moorhead each made racing catches of sure-hit fly balls to end the game.

"We were finished but for those two magnificent snares" said Team Manager and Sponsor Jane Hammond of the Events' 10-6 victory.

Contra Costa Physical Therapy had a rough day at the hands of a veteran and skilled Olson Construction team: 16-5 with Olson the victors.

CCPT bats were silenced for three innings, but their next opponent best not rest too easy, for the fourth inning heard the thunder of future offensive fury as Katie Seltzer (3 for 3), Erin Wheeler, Lauren Opet and Lizzy Levin answered the call.

And while CCPT sister teams (fielders Andrea and Stephanie Corr and Jobathau and Milcah Gaskin) displayed awesome glove-work in the later innings, the Olson offense was just too overpowering. Megan Boddum went 4 for 4 (with one double) as she had the power and the glory. Teresa Diaz proved her ability to play any position as she continually stopped blistering drives and Sally Vizaz anchored

requisite "strong-arm tactics" — her first inning loooooong throw to first to nip the runner had tongues wagging and other coaches drooling.

The closest upper division game of the week kept the bleachers alive and parents' hearts thumping as Berkeley Hills Realty eked out a win over PALS: 8-6.

Berkeley Hills' Shaina Zeiger and Lauren Katzman turned in sterling pitching performances as their array of deliveries kept PALS' bats guessing — for awhile. But the fine defensive work of PALS' infielders kept shutting down Berkeley Hills' rallies as the game turned into a tense see-saw battle.



PALS' infielders Lief Mayers and Debby Gipsman teamed up for some fine shortstop-to-first combinations and Molly Berger scooped a sure-hit at short and coolly threw to first for a picturebook play. But, when Berkeley Hills' Katzman caught a pop fly and fired to a heads-up Emma Brookner at first for a double play, and when Jessie Kearse started a third (and final) inning rally with a hit, two stolen bases and an RBI, the game was SOLD (in a tough market).

In Younger Division play (ages 8-11) the action was fast and furious as the typically high-scoring games resulted in some ground-

breaking maneuvers by fielders and hitters alike. No stolen bases allowed and the coaches do the pitching, but these budding diamonds-in-the-rough show the potential and determination that will help the Berkeley High School varsity (and the San Francisco Giants) in the near future. As a matter of fact, this year over 75 percent of the BHS nine are ABGSL graduates.

The Mason-McDuffie opener made believers out of Mousefeathers, but they had to do it the hard way in a tight battle at Cordornices Park. Sophia Rivera and Audrey Raya's first-inning back-to-back homers led a fierce Mousefeathers' attack that would keep the lead until the last inning.

But Mason McDuffie's Coriale Arceneaux smashed one up the center, driving in a run, and Elizabeth Alonso showed her hitting prowess and running savvy as she beat out a double. And even though Mousefeathers' Kristen Komendant's fine defensive efforts seemed to staunch the flow, Mason-McDuffie's Betty Chernack matched her as her unassisted double play stopped a Mousefeathers' rally cold. Mason McDuffie ended up victorious (14-12), but these two teams will meet twice again.

When the Yenching Potstickers squared off against the Nelson, Meyer and Ung Bandits, the fireworks nearly ignited the hills around Cordornices Park. The Bandits led until the end, with their Kline sisters duo, Jamie and Jessica, skillfully leading the way with their deft fielding and sure-eyed hitting.

Most teams would have caught the Fresno Express, but the Potstickers' Sonia (Lisby) Douglass got on base in all four at bats and made two put outs in the first inning and three in the second. A third-inning Potsticker three-run homerun from Lauren Mishork kept them within striking distance.

Local sports calendar

Friday, April 23

Baseball: St. Mary's at St. Elizabeth
St. Joseph (Alameda) at Albany

Tuesday, April 27

Baseball: Pinole at Berkeley (San Pablo Park)
Antioch at El Cerrito (Cerrito Vista)
Girls softball: Pinole at Berkeley
Lacrosse: Berkeley at Bishop O'Dowd (Oakland)
Swimming: Clayton Valley at Berkeley (Willard)
Boys tennis: Berkeley at Pinole Valley
Boys volleyball: El Cerrito at Antioch

Wednesday, April 28

Track: Berkeley at El Cerrito
Baseball: Salesian at St. Mary's

Thursday, April 29

Boys volleyball: De La Salle at Berkeley
Baseball: Berkeley at De La Salle
El Cerrito at Pinole Valley
Girls softball: Berkeley at Carondelet
El Cerrito at Pinole Valley
Lacrosse: Berkeley at Palo Alto
Boys tennis: De La Salle at Berkeley

And as the Potstickers eased ahead in the final inning, not even doubles by Bandits' Jane Jonas and Sarah Fielding could pull it out at the end of this nail-biter. The 25-23 Potsticker victory was a typical younger-division thriller.

Dr. Brennan's Smilemakers beat the Mallard Plumbing Ducks in a defensive battle. Even though the Ducks' Emilie Louie and Danita Escloven hit doubles, triples and singles to lead their offense, they could not stop Smilemakers' Andrea Fajans and Chelsea Gentry's multiple RBI attack.

The Ducks' Maya Joseph-Goteiner played errorless first base, and, with the help of Acacia Quien at second (daringly snaring a second inning blistering line drive), they showed they indeed have golden gloves. But the Smilemakers much-touted infielders — Gina Gerst, Claire Williams and Eleanor Smith — made

it look easy as well, and, in they stopped the Duck and triumphed 19-10.

Andronico's heavy hitters toe-to-toe with their Noll-Tamterparts in a five-inning thriller. The final score was Noll-Tamter's 19, as Noll-Tamter not draw the line on Andronico's offensive onslaught.

Andronico's veteran Noll-Tamter pelted a roundtripper on and Julia Sheng's double field play frustrated the Noll-Tamter bats. Then Noll-Tamter Carlson handled a line drive had one of the fans (a score A's?) calling Mark McGwire and Leah Ingram pulled in the fly to keep it too close for this reporter's lifetime.

But in the final analysis, Camille Thornton's triple, Durland's doubles, and Ingram's singles could not tory from the jaws of death they did provide enough for this reporter's lifetime.

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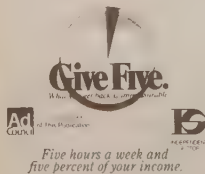
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Signs of revival in West Oakland

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Paul Valva

West Oakland is a microcosm of the problems and solutions facing inner cities throughout the United States. Originally one of the most affluent and culturally rich areas of the city, West Oak-

land eventually underwent hard times as defense-related industries closed down after World War II, and other major employers abandoned the area one by one.

Today, despite an appearance of decline and neglect, there are signs that West Oakland is coming back.

Changing land uses, demographics, and political coalitions are providing a framework for economic growth and stability. Zoning and code changes are phasing out "undesirable" business and land uses such as scrap yards, recycling plants, auto servicing shops, old industrial hazardous waste sites, and liquor stores.

Victorian fixer-uppers and West Oakland's proximity to downtown Oakland and San Francisco are attracting young working families of all races. And coalitions such as the West Oakland Commerce Association, Citizens Emergency Relief Team, and West Oakland Community Development District Council are ensuring that local community input is heard.

This strengthening of the economic fabric has fostered development that is quite literally rebuilding the area block by block. Strong community involvement persuaded Caltrans to rebuild the Cypress Freeway away from the residences and businesses. Despite recent local opposition, planning is right on schedule, with a target completion date of mid-1997.

Designating 1,300 acres and 1,500 houses in West Oakland a City Redevelopment Area has

been proposed for years, most seriously after the 1989 earthquake. Competing interests have always managed to defeat the proposals, but new City Councilmember Natalie Bayton has reintroduced the designation to "revitalize the community and maintain the existing residences and businesses." City staff recommendations are due to reach the City Council by the end of April.

The Catellus Company's planned East Bay Bridge Center at 40th and San Pablo will be a 480,000-square foot retail center. Anchor tenants who have expressed interest include Home Depot, Pace, Pac N'Save, and Bizmart.

A third of the center is in Oakland, two-thirds in Emeryville, with development jurisdiction in the hands of a novel Joint Planning authority, composed of each city's

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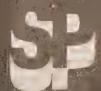
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West

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planning commissioners. Already property values along the corridor have risen in anticipation of completion.

Another event bolstering property values is Oakland's designation as a State Enterprise Zone. West Oakland, along with the Coliseum Area, are being given special consideration, with tax credits available to qualified employers and employees.

Numerous for-profit and not-for-profit developers are rebuilding the community's housing stock. The Housing Trust Fund financed renovation of 22 units in Marcus Garvey Commons, and 60 scattered residential units built by Jubilee West. The City Redevelopment Agency, with take-out financing by Savings Association Mortgage Corporation, built 32 very attractive housing units over 6,000 square feet of retail at Slim Jenkins Court on Seventh Street.

HUD recently foreclosed on Acorn I and II, and has turned management over to the Republic Management Company. With an infusion of new dollars, and resident involvement, Acorn is becoming a model development. And numerous SRO hotels, such as the 150 units in the California Hotel, reconstructed by Oakland Community Housing Inc., are making attractive, affordable housing a reality.

Live/work developments are not only producing affordable housing and commercial space, they are transforming functionally obsolete building stock into productive uses. New construction includes 15 units at 30th and Filbert (prices \$115,000 to \$300,00); seven units for sale at 32nd and Hannah (priced \$150,000 to \$269,000, and motivated by the East Bay Bridge Center); and four units for lease at 32nd and Hannah at about \$850 per unit.

Joint city/private developer collaboration has spurred commercial revitalization, such as the retail space at Slim Jenkins Court, the California Hotel, and industrial/office incubator space at the old Scott Mechanical building. Similar proposals are being considered at other formerly obsolescent buildings throughout West Oakland.



Jeff Lindquist

Refurbished Victorian homes are attracting young families.

A new R-36 zone has allowed development of substandard lots (less than 5,000 sq. ft.) without a conditional use permit. Similar zoning and building improvements

are being analyzed by city staff.

(Paul Valva is a partner at Valva Realty Company. Reprinted courtesy of Oakland Association of Realtors.)

Clients' uncertainty about move causes confusion down the line

(Number 7 in a series of true experiences in real estate.)

We know a couple with great style. A few years ago they bought a modest two bedroom wood frame house in the Rockridge area. It had not been loved in a long, long time. Our friends did not spend a lot of money but they did do all the right things. When you went into that house, you wanted very much to stay there.

They were happy there and had no intention of selling until one of them got a great job offer in Florida.

We put the property on the market with the usual fanfare. We felt that it was priced at the top of possibility but it was a house to fall in love with and maybe someone would.

As it turned out a couple was smitten in the first few days. They didn't fiddle around either. They made almost a full price offer, short by a thousand dollars. We were ecstatic. Our sellers were lukewarm.

This is the kind of thing that makes agents old. What was wrong? We kept talking great offer, incredible offer, more than we thought was possible.

Slowly, hesitantly, one said, We don't know if we want to take less than we asked.

But you're going to Florida. You need to sell. This is a very good price. No response. It dawned on Anet that there is a piece of the puzzle missing. There is something they aren't telling. Anet asks directly, nicely, What is going on? What haven't you told us?

It took awhile. It was not easy. Finally a tiny voice from the one with the new job. Florida is horrible. I can't imagine moving there, being there. I don't want to move. There was a pause while we all considered this.

But we know that we are getting top dollar for the house and we hate to pass this up.

We are relieved. At least we know now what we are dealing with. We know what the risks are and the gains. Now what to do? Raise? Throw in the hand?

The sellers decide. The buyers can have the house for full price. If the buyers go away, that's how it will be. Their fate will be done.

You never know about these things. You simply cannot know ahead of time how committed the buyer really is. It wouldn't always happen this way but this time, instead of walking away, the buyer paid the extra money. The sellers got top dollar and went to Florida after all (but not for long).

We were hesitant to tell you this story, afraid we will be dealing



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(Pat Talbot and Anet Tarpo are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or add your name to their list, call Tarpo & Talbot (510) 653-2050.)

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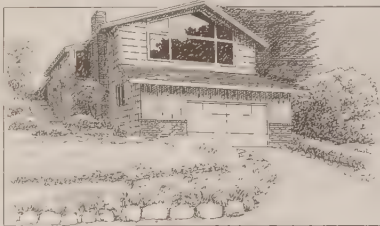
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People

Gadsby & Associates Add four new agents

George and Margaret Gadsby, owners of Gadsby & Associates Real Estate, announced the addition of four new agents, all recent graduates of Gadsby's Sales Training program, to their sales organization.

Kirk Paul was born in Oakland and has lived there for more than 20 years. He studied accounting at State Hayward, completed 10 years of military duty serving as a military policeman, and received his associate degree from San Francisco State College.

Lois Vickland, who will be specializing in residential real estate and small commercial properties in the Hillside/Millsom area, is the father of three children.

Laouda Gray, who has been a homemaker and an amateur carpenter for the past several years, feels that this background will enable her to relate well to home buyers who are working to get ahead in these tough times.

She is currently serving as secretary to the community council in Richmond, and has been a Bay Area resident since 1962.

Kathy Miller is a native of Berkeley and has lived there for over 30 years. She attended UC-Berkeley where she majored in psychology. Before affiliating with Gadsby & Associates, she owned a commercial cleaning business.

Miller, whose 11-year-old daughter Kristina attends St. Joseph School in Berkeley, enjoys working with senior citizens and is very active in her community.

Lois Vickland, a resident of Alameda for 18 years, previously owned "Paper Prose," a word processing business in Alameda. She received a certificate in marketing from UC-Berkeley Extension and comes to Gadsby & Associates with a strong marketing background.

Vickland is chairing the committee for VIPs and VIP cars for the Alameda Mayor's Fourth of July Parade.

George and Margaret Gadsby combined over 60 years of their own real estate and financial experience to form Gadsby & Associates Real Estate. They have two offices serving Alameda, San Leandro, Oakland, and Berkeley.



Kirk Paul



Lois Vickland



Kathy Miller



Laouda Gray

'Tis the time to schedule project, check credentials

With all the good weather that the Bay Area has been host to, it's no wonder that contractors and homeowners alike look forward to the start of the spring/summer seasons.

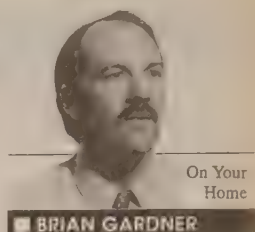
Although cement actually sets up best in cooler weather versus baking sunlight, nearly every other home construction project can be completed while the weather is warm and sunny.

Because construction companies get very busy at this time of year, it's a good idea to begin formulating your plans early so that the company that you decide to hire for your project can get the job completed per your schedule rather than having to wait until they have an opening.

Sometimes these delays can postpone your project all the way into the last weeks of summer which may then push the project into fall, which may then make "old man weather" a factor again. (In today's world, I suppose one should say, "old person weather," but somehow it doesn't have as much charm — know what I mean?)

Another factor to deal with which can really make or break your project is hiring a state-licensed, bonded and insured company. Violating any of these "basic three," can mean trouble.

In my position as marketing director at Montclair Construction



On Your Home
BRIAN GARDNER

and Maintenance, I make lots of calls to prospective clients. Invariably, I hear the horror stories of homeowners hiring someone who is downright unethical.

One lady told me that she hired a contractor that swore up and down that he had a license. So she hired him without checking to see if the license number was valid. It turned out that the "state license" number this contractor was bragging about was actually the license number of a friend's truck.

It is unfortunate that the lady only found this out after she had paid the so-called contractor a large sum of money up-front. This fellow never came back to do the work and she lost every cent she had paid for the work which wasn't done.

Summer is a great time to work on your home. It can even be a pleasurable experience if simple, wise steps are taken to get the right contractor. Otherwise it might seem that your project has turned from a summer delight to an endless summer project.

(Brian Gardner is the marketing director for Montclair Construction and Maintenance Company. Questions or comments can be sent c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, CA 94619.)

Quick repairs make wood look good as new

Wooden furniture may seem old and worn, but actually its surface is prone to dents, scrapes, and gouges. Minor marks like these can add character to an antique, but are unwelcome in newer pieces of furniture. Inspect your wooden pieces and clean up any flaws. You can make your furniture look as good as new.

The easiest repair for small nicks and scratches in solid wood is using a blend stick. This works well in camouflaging a damaged finish.

If the scratch or nick is wide but not deeper than 1/4 inch, wood filler — also known as wood dough — is an easy, inexpensive repair. Made of wood or cellulose fibers,

it dries quickly and is available in colors to match many woods and stains, or it can be stained itself.

No primer is needed before patching wood with the above techniques, but the hole must be cleaned and slightly roughened. Use a putty knife to press the wood dough into place and smooth the surface.

Blend sticks, shaped like crayons, are easy to use. Most won't stain or shrink and need no sanding. Choose one that is slightly darker than the wood you're repairing.

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Estate agent's ego can jeopardize deal

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Final decision should rest with the client

Real estate deals are hard enough to put together without the meddling influence of an agent's ego. All too often agents let their personal prejudices interfere with a transaction. Sometimes the result is a deal that either aborts before it's consummated or one that falls apart some time before closing.

Why would an agent jeopardize a commission check just to have the last word? Probably agents who are prone to imposing their will on a real estate transaction aren't even aware they're doing it.

It's common to hear an agent say something like: I never let my buyers pay the full asking price. Or, I always have my sellers reject an offer if it's for less than 90 percent of the asking price. Or, I never let the buyers renegotiate the contract just before closing — that's extortion. The phrase "I never let my buyer or seller do this or that" is the tip off that an agent is attempting to impose his or her



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will on the transaction. Some agents who let their egos get in the way no doubt do so with the best of intentions. They think they're protecting their client's interests. A classic example is when

'They think they're protecting their clients' interests.'

an agent decides unequivocally what a fair price is for a listing. He or she is then bound and determined that the sellers won't accept a penny less than that price. I've seen agents sabotage deals for a few thousand dollars because they're convinced their sellers are

getting a raw deal. Who should have the ultimate say on what price is acceptable. The agent or the sellers?

Sometimes agents will risk blowing a deal just for the sake of being right. Often this has more to do with the personalities of the agents involved in the transaction than anything else. Some agents have a history of bad working relationships and can't seem to put those differences behind them in the interest of serving their client's needs.

Some well-meaning agents find themselves making decisions for their clients because they want to spare them from the anxieties of uncertainty. This approach can backfire if the problem the agent is trying to shield the client from isn't resolved satisfactorily.

One agent took it upon himself to hide a negative termite report. Why upset the sellers needlessly? Why upset the buyers with a nasty report when a second inspection produced a more favorable report?

Everyone was happy for a while, but when the buyers discovered there had been another report, they hit the roof.

Clients should be kept informed of all the pertinent developments in a transaction, regardless of whether the news is good or bad. Agents should always remember that they are not the decision makers. Buyers and sellers make the decisions in a real estate transaction; the agents are the educators, the negotiators, the facilitators.

It makes no sense at all for agents to decide what price sellers should accept for their house or the top price buyers should pay. The agent's job is to arm buyers and sellers with the objective data on which to base their price decisions.

Another common mistake agents make when working with buyers is eliminating a listing because they think it's unsuitable without giving the buyers a chance to decide whether or not the house

is right for them. One agent didn't tell her clients about a new listing that fit their wish list in all respects except for the fact that it was a contemporary style home. The buyers had said they preferred a traditional style home. They subsequently stumbled upon the home at a Sunday open house and bought it through the agent holding the house open. They had lost all faith in the agent who had decided that this was not the house for them.

A good agent is a good communicator and a good counselor. A great agent understands the importance of letting the buyers and sellers be the decision makers.

(Dian Hymer is a broker associate with Coldwell Banker in Montclair and author of "Buying & Selling a Home in California," published by Chronicle Books.)

The San Francisco Landscaping Garden Show runs through Sunday, April 25. In addition to beautiful gardens, there's a chance to hear top gardeners from the Bay Area around the country.

Admission is \$8. There's free parking at Crissy Field. Shuttle service to the show's opening night party starts at 8 p.m. on April 20 and costs \$10. Proceeds benefit Golden Gate Park and other San Francisco parks.

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Moving with kids? Simple measures help lessen anxiety, ease adjustment

You've found your new house, your offer's been accepted, you feel a little overwhelmed at the prospect of moving, but you're "committed" and, all in all, pretty excited.

This house has a lot of what you've been lacking in your old one — a yard for your children to play in, a basement with a little room that can be your exercise room, extra storage ... basically you're in heaven, even if you are a little nervous about the prospect of your mortgage payment coming to more than your dad used to bring home in his entire paycheck.

But what about the children? How are they going to adjust? What is this pending move going to do to their sense of equilibrium? You remember uneasily that when little Jennifer moved in down the street she threw hysterical fits every time her parents tried to get her into the car to go to her new preschool.

Do you and your partner need to take a month off work to make sure the kids don't disintegrate? Should you hire a live-in play therapist to make sure you own children come out of this OK? Or should you just forget the whole thing and resign yourselves to living in your two-bedroom, one-bath until the kids are in college?

The answer is a little less drastic. With a few relatively minor preparations, even your toddler will come through the move unscathed and probably even still toilet-trained.

Chris Essex, a parenting consultant and early childhood educator, says, "Remember, Home is where Mommy and Daddy are," (or any other combination of primary caregivers!) "young kids are going to handle the move as well as their parents do, so it is extremely important that the parents have a good support system and really organize themselves."

To ease moving anxiety, try these tactics:

- Talk about the move with your kids in terms that they can understand. Show your excitement and save discussion of problems with the house, the escrow or money until they are in bed or watching a video in the other room.

- Books on the subject that you can read with your kids can make a big difference. Essex suggests several good books on moving: *Moving Day* by Fred (Mr.) Rogers, *Annie Bananie* by Leah Komako (for ages 4-8) and *Maggie Doesn't Want to Move* by Elizabeth O'Donnell (for ages 6-8).

- Once you're sure this home is to be yours, ask your Realtor if you can take your kids through the new house. Mentally arrange the

visits to the Newschool before the actual move. Alert teachers in both schools as to what is going to be happening in your household. Most preschools are happy to talk about moving during Circle Time and are willing to be more understanding about lapses and regressions during this adjustment period.

- On moving day, arrange childcare with someone familiar to your children away from the scene of the move. The night before the movers come, go over the next day's events in as much detail as you can and have the kids pack a bag of special stuff for the movers to take to the Newhouse. Let them put whatever they want in the bag.



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initiative with the neighbors to find new friends as well.

Essex says to expect some adjustment setbacks in terms of sleep problems or bed wetting. But this is not the time to make changes in your child's life unless they are absolutely necessary. Keep your children's routine as routine as you can and let the change of home and neighborhood be the change in their lives for the time being.

"This doesn't have to be such a stressful event," says Essex. "With some thoughtful preparation beforehand and during the move itself, young children will adapt easily and quickly to a new home."

(Andrea Land is co-founder and officer of Thornwall Properties, Inc., Berkeley. Anyone with ideas for articles or other comments may reach Land at (510) 644-2325.)

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Parenting Consultant

furniture with them, let them play in the yard and, if possible, meet a couple of the neighbors, especially if they have children. Soon even the youngest will get the idea that something pretty exciting is going on and it has to do with this house.

- Start referring to your present home as the Oldhouse and your new one as the Newhouse. Emphasize the things that will be more fun about the Newhouse.

- Take photos of the Newhouse and hang them up where your kids can see them. Let them take the photos to school for Show and Tell. Encourage them to fantasize about the Newhouse and the New neighborhood ... "we'll put up your old swing set and we'll have Molly and Tim over to play."

- If it's impossible to stick with the Oldschool until the end of the school year, plan some advance

Label it with bright-colored markers and make sure you can find it immediately when you unpack (you may want to just keep it in your car).

- Before the kids go to the babysitter, let them see the movers come and begin to take a few things out of the Oldhouse. At the end of moving day, take the kids back to say goodbye to each room. This kind of ritual helps young children let go and achieve some kind of finality and also a needed sense of power.

- Set up the kids' rooms in the Newhouse before they come home from the sitter and arrange the Newroom as much like the Oldroom as possible. After the move, there's always plenty of time to rearrange.

- Set up play dates for old friends after the move and take the

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4706 EDGEWOOD. Glenview. 4BD/1BA, natural wood trim, built-ins. South bay view. Near shops & transportation. Chris Christensen 530-8412

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Lou Kuehner, Director of Fund Raising for United Cerebral Palsy in Northern California honored C.V. LeForce, president of Realty World of Northern California and

Nevada for his company's 1992 fund raising efforts.

During Realty World's annual awards gala, "Festival of Pride," held at the Marriott in San Ramon last February, LeForce was presented with an engraved wall clock in appreciation of the \$34,000 raised by his company's 120 affiliated offices.

The check was presented to United Cerebral Palsy during their annual telethon in January.

"Our goal for 1992 is \$50,000," said Joy B. LeForce, Executive Vice President of Realty World. "Fund raisers such as the Wild Beast Feast, Rock-A-Thon, Walk-A-Thon, Easter Egg Hunt, and Tennis Tournament are fun.

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CUSTOM RANCH STYLE - PIEDMONT	\$859,000
Beautifully designed 4BD/3+BA home remodeled with the latest appliances and fixtures. Formal dining, family room, large flagstone patio. Debi Fitzgerald	

ELEGANCE AND SOPHISTICATION	\$795,000
Beautifully crafted custom home with serene unobstructed views of the East Bay Regional Parks. 4BD/3+BA, two plus rooms, many more features. Vicki Woodhead	

TRIPLEX SHOWPLACE	\$785,000
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SPECTACULAR VIEWS - PIEDMONT	\$769,000
Located up a private drive, this fashionable renovated home is light and airy, and provides a dramatic 4-bridge view. 5BD/3BA, family room, au pair. Martha Holstlaw	

LANDMARK 1912 CRAFTSMAN/CHALET	\$725,000
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EASY LIVING IN PIEDMONT	\$679,000
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SWEEPING CANYON VIEWS	\$529,000
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PIEDMONT PINES TRADITIONAL RANCH	\$399,000
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Located on a quiet tree-lined street, this charming home has original curbed built-ins. 3BD/2BA, remodeled eat-in kitchen, family room, fenced back yard. Wendy Gardner	

IDEAL MONTCLAIR LOCATION	\$284,500
Walk to the village from this 4+BD/3BA home. Hot tub off master suite, gleaming hardwood floors, cozy family room, patios, in-law potential. Kathy Flynn	

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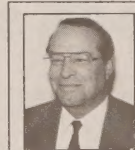
The State Bar of California is offering help to people planning their estates. The bar is now offering a pamphlet titled, "Do I Need Estate Planning?"

Documents should be fitted to individual needs, according to pamphlet author Kathryn A. Ball-sun. She said some people can fall victim to dishonest peddlers of living trusts.

"It's really critical that people

have accurate information about a sophisticated topic," Ballsun said. "The guidelines can't be put in a cookie-cutter situation because every person's estate and personal circumstances are different."

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Handsome Traditional. Recently remodeled kitchen, 4+1/3.	
New paint, carpet and landscaping. Walk to schools and transportation.	
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Stylish Contemporary. Sunny family room. 3/3 incl. beautiful master suite.	
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101 DUDLEY AVENUE: ANGELA GRUBB, JR.	\$519,000
Spectacular view home. 3/2, family room. Perfect condition. Prime location.	
101 DUDLEY AVENUE: ANIAN PETTIT TUNNEY	\$474,500
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Beautifully maintained 4 BR home with Bay view and level yard. Many extras!	
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Great location! 4/2, study, playroom, leaded glass Bay window.	
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13100 SKYLINE BLVD: DONALD WOOLHOUSE	\$939,000
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Piedmont side of Montclair. Colonial built by Barbara Armstrong. 4/2, fam. rm.	
1516 FERNHOFF RD: DONALD WOOLHOUSE	Reduced! \$549,000
Allegretto Estates Ranch. Formal living & dining, 3/2, eat-in kitchen w/fam. rm.	
101 MOUNTAIN BLVD: ELIZABETH DICKSON	\$498,500
Historic Fernwood Carl Warnecke design. 3/2, separate guest house.	
101 BOWLES PLACE: SUSAN VEIT	\$449,000
Much charm! Mint condition! Prime location on quiet cul-de-sac. Large main kitchen, 4 bedrooms, rumpus, au pair potential. Level yard.	
101 CAMPUS DRIVE: L. MCCLAIN / D. WOOLHOUSE	\$439,000
Piedmont Contemporary. 3/2, incl. spacious MBR. Den/study with FP.	
101 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD: ANGELA WEI GRUBB	\$399,888
Crocker Highlands. Large rooms. 4+1/3 Updated kitchen w/fam. rm.	
101 TRESTLE GLEN ROAD: SANDRA VOGL	\$365,000
Just listed! Romantic Cape Cod. Charm, character and perfectioncondition. Super eat-in kitchen, fabulous level yard. Lots of storage & potential.	
101 VAN BUREN AVENUE: KAREN STARR	\$309,000
Just listed! Fabulous Craftsman. Spacious and sunlit throughout. Gracious proportions, beautiful detail. 3 1/3, lg. formal dining room, office.	
101 HEARTWOOD DRIVE: ELIZABETH DICKSON	\$269,000
Historic Charming. 2 spacious BR, hardwood floors, beamed ceiling.	
101 DOLORES AVENUE: SALLY MORRISON	\$259,000
Historic Traditional. 3 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen, private garden.	
101 WISCONSIN STREET: CHERYL KNICKERBOCKER	\$242,500
Large kitchen & bath. 2 BR. Sunny, private level back yard. Two-car garage.	
101 HOMEWOOD DRIVE: SALLY MORRISON	\$235,000
Key Contemporary in beautiful condition. Updated kitchen. Deck & solarium.	
101 RHODA AVENUE: SUSAN VEIT	\$187,000
Beautiful sunny & bright home in move-in condition. Updated kitchen. Lg. level yard. Great neighborhood. Perfect condo. alternative.	



Your Weekend Guide to Open Home Listings



OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

6316 Bullard	Colonial	4bd/2 1/2b	\$829,000
The GRUBB Co., Marcia Nebel 339-0400			
6318 Bullard Drive	Montclair	Classic 4b/3ba	\$689,000
Better Homes, Richard Landry 339-4000			
#3 Contra Costa Pl.	Rockridge	New 4b/2 1/2b View	\$665,000
Mason-McDuffie, C. Boze 339-9290			
1842 Leimert Blvd.	Oakmore	4bd/3ba	\$599,000
Prudential Landmark, Philip Sair 287-9999			
1169 Sunnyhills	Family Home	3+bd/2 1/2ba	\$579,000
Wells & Bennett, Donna Conroy 531-7000			
1730 Manzanita	Montclair	4bd/3b View!	\$569,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 531-7134			
6036 Wood Drive	Montclair	2+bd/3ba	\$569,000
Pacific Union, Georgia Cornell 339-6460			
12225 Blythen Way	Oakland Hills	4bd/3ba Pool	\$540,000
Mason-McDuffie, B. Bowers 339-8787			
35 Weybridge Ct.	View!	Spacious 4b/3b	\$539,000
The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400			
3521 Rubin Drive	Victorian	Porch, AuPair	\$528,000
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774			
975 Larkspur	Crocker Beauty!	3/3 Den; Reduced	\$519,000
Wells & Bennett, Annette Maddox 832-1406			
6955 Snake Rd.	Custom Contemp.	3bd/3+ab Office	\$509,000
Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643			
6366 Heather Ridge	New Construction	3bd/3ba Style!	\$499,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174			
1375 Sunnyhills	Crocker Trad.	2bd Extras!	\$499,000
Coldwell Banker, Katherine Cooper 339-1174			
6110 Ridgemont Dr.	Landscape	4b/3b Lg Sq. Ft.	\$479,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174			
6207 Ridgemont	Executive Home	4bd/3ba	\$479,000
Mason-McDuffie, S. Ho 339-9290			
5645 LaSalle Ave.	Montclair	Reduced!!	\$475,000
Better Homes, Lue Snow 531-3430			
5233 Cochran	Upper Rockridge	3bd/2ba	\$459,000
Pacific Union, Howard Rodkin 339-6460			
7180 Thornhill Drive	Montclair	3bd/2+ Spacious	\$439,000
Mason-McDuffie, G. Boomer 339-9290			
1920 Arrowhead Dr.	Montclair	Contemp. 4b/3b	\$439,000
Mason-McDuffie, D. Scott 339-8888			
5689 Oak Grove	Rockridge	5+3 AuPair	\$420,000
Red Oak Realty, J&J 527-3387 X-109 OPEN 2-4			
2130 Mastlands	Piedmont Pines	3/2 New Listing	\$419,000
Better Homes, Don Howe 339-4000			
4947 Stoneridge Ct.	Must Sell	Ridgemont 4/3	\$399,000
Better Homes, Dawn Ellis 339-4000			
6089 Colton Blvd.	Terrific View	4b/3 Montclair	\$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174			
5814 LaSalle	Traditional	3bd/2b Reduced!	\$399,000
Wells & Bennett, Donna Ranslem 547-6961			
2355 Pelham Place	Piedmont Pines	3bd/2+ba	\$399,000
Pacific Union, Suzanne Linford 339-6460			
685 Walavista	Crocker	3bd/3+ba	\$395,000
Realty Advocates 428-0757, Don Kirkend 655-7474			
4115 Oakmore Road	Oakmore	3+bd/3b Fam. Room	\$395,000
Better Homes, Patricia Bennett 339-4000			
39 Hemlock Lane	Montclair	3bd/2b Rumpus	\$389,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174			
6934 Thornhill	Montclair	5bd/2ba	\$389,000
Fox & Carskadon, Hal Castle 339-8666			
1857 Brentwood Road	Oakmore	3+bd/2+ba	\$385,000
Pacific Union, Claudia Ellinghaus 339-6460			
3115 Monterey Blvd.	Lincoln Hts.	4+2+ Bay View!	\$379,900
Glenview Realty 482-5100			
4933 Stoneridge Ct.	Ridgemont	3bd/2 1/2 Lev! Lot	\$379,500
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174			
6025 Bruns Ct.	English Trad.	3/2 Large Lot	\$379,000
The GRUBB Co., Anlan Pettit Tunney 339-0400			
5643 Maxwellton Rd.	Upper Rockridge	3bd/2b + Rumpus	\$379,000
Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174			
5373-5373A Boyd	Rockridge	3+bd/2+ba	\$375,000
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460			
4490 Oak Hill	Oakland	4bd/3 1/2ba	\$369,000
Coldwell Banker 486-1495			
1348 Trestle Glen Rd.	Cape Cod	Perfect Condition	\$365,000
The GRUBB Co., John Karnay 339-0400			
4014 Lakeshore Ave.	Traditional	Charming 4bd/2 1/2	\$359,500
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174			
#11 Binnacle	Hillier Highlands	3+bd/3ba	\$359,000
Fox & Carskadon, Ollie Hammer 339-8666 OPEN 1:30-4:30			
#1 Binnacle	Hillier Highlands	2bd/2ba	\$359,000
Fox & Carskadon, Ollie Hammer 339-8666 OPEN 1:30-4:30			
4397 St. Andrews Rd.	Sequoyah	4bd/2+ba	\$359,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460			
1727 Indian	Montclair	3bd/2ba	\$349,000
Fox & Carskadon, Mary Jane McConville 339-8666			
2593 El Caminito	Piedmont Pines	4bd/2 1/2 Ranch	\$347,000
Better Homes, 339-4000			
3216 Burdeck	Sweeping View!	3bd/3ba Garden	\$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Donna DeBardi 339-1174			
7110 Thornhill Drive	Montclair	4bd Fam. Home	\$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Terry Kulka 339-1174			
5552 Balboa Ave.	Montclair	2+bd/2ba	\$329,000
Pacific Union, Connie Rogers 339-6460			
6281 Girvin Drive	One Owner	3bd/2ba	\$329,000
The GRUBB Co., Susanne Paul 339-0400			
5841 Snake Road	Montclair Ranch	4bd/3b Trad.	\$329,000
Mason-McDuffie, D. Costella 339-9290			
6616 Banning Drive	Contemporary	4bd/2 1/2 Montclair	\$319,900
Coldwell Banker, Linda VanDrent, Howard Robbins 339-1174			
81 Merriewood Alex	Montclair	3bd/2b Hideaway	\$319,500
Mason-McDuffie, Alex & Mary 339-9290			
4821 Grass Valley	Oakland	3bd/3ba	\$319,000
Realty Advocates 428-0757			
6401 Melville Drive	Piedmont Pines	4bd/2+ba	\$318,000
Mason-McDuffie, J. Alford 339-8888			
2600 Charleston	Lincoln Hts.	New List! 3b/2b	\$317,000
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 530-3860			
6100 Taft Avenue	Rockridge	3bd/1ba	\$315,000
Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460			
5863 Snake Road	Montclair	2b/2 Deck, Garden	\$309,000
Mason-McDuffie, R. Thomas 339-9290			
3924 14th Ave.	Glenview	3+bd/2ba	\$299,800
Better Homes, Arthur Maconber 339-4000 OPEN 1-4			
551 Walavista	Crocker	3+bd/1+ba	\$299,500
Pacific Union, Wynn Stephens 339-6460			
6625 Banning	Piedmont Pines	3+bd/2ba	\$299,000
Fox & Carskadon, Hal Castle 339-8666			

6020 Harwood	Rockridge Charm	3b/2 Bungalow	\$298,000
J. T. Ward, Nancy Platford 845-6021 OPEN 2-4			
4657 Dolores Ave.	Berk. Craftsman	Glenview 4bd/1 1/2b	\$297,500
Pointe Realty 531-1700			
10362 Greenview	Sequoyah	3bd/2ba	\$297,500
Pacific Union, Georgia Richardson 339-6460			
2812 Alida	Lincoln Hts.	3b/2b Pano View	\$295,000
Better Homes, Jeff Hilgert 893-7545			
3318 Wisconsin	Tudor Style	4bd/1+ba	\$294,000
Help-U-Sell 482-8100			
289 Crestmont Dr.	Crestmont	3/2 1/2 Fam. Room	\$294,000
Help-U-Sell 482-8100			
3640 Malcolm	View!	3bd/2 1/2ba	\$290,000
Gadsby & Assoc., Kirk Paul 891-0858 OPEN 2-4			
6690 Saroni	Montclair	First Open!	\$289,000
Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-9536			
525 Van Buren Ave.	Fab Craftsman	3bd/1 1/2 Spacious	\$289,000
The GRUBB Co., Karen Starr 339-0400			
4452 Evans Ave.	Glenview	3bd/2ba	\$287,500
Lawton Associates 547-5970, Ron 547-6128			
13289 Clairpointe	Skyline	3bd/2b Location!!	\$285,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 531-2418			
5867 Balboa Drive	Montclair	2bd/1ba	\$285,000
Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460			
4690 Edgewood	Upper Glenview	4bd/2ba	\$285,000
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392			
403 Adams St.	Adams Point	Restored 5b/2b	\$285,000
Mason-McDuffie, C. Bush 339-9290			
723 Santa Ray	Crocker	3+bd/1 1/2 Deck	\$280,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846			
4230 St. Andrews	Sequoyah Hills	2+bd/1b 1/3acre	\$279,000
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000			
96 Templar Place	Upper Rockridge	3bd/2ba	\$279,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460			
2 Eastwood Court	Montclair	3bd/1ba	\$279,000
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460			
5246 Miles Ave.	Rockridge	3bd/1 1/2 Reduced	\$279,000
Investco 834-9033			
127 Mandalay Road	Rockridge	2bd/1ba Charming	\$279,000
Mason-McDuffie, R. Bittman 339-9290			
4706 Edgewood	Glenview	4bd/1ba	\$265,000
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 530-8412			
4627 Dolores Ave.	Glenview	3bd Traditional	\$259,000
The GRUBB Co., Sally Morrison 339-0400			
59 Sereno Circle	Townhome	2/2 SF Bay View	\$259,000
Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 839-9197			
639 Jean Street	Grand Lake	2+bd/1+ba	\$259,000
Pacific Union, Melanie Powers 339-6460			
4132 Patterson Ave.	Redwood Hts.	3+bd/2b Bay View	\$254,000
Better Homes 284-9500, Ted Streeter 283-5760 OPEN 1-4			
4101 Maynard	Sequoyah Hills	3bd/2 1/2 Ranch	\$249,000
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000			
2072 Arrowhead Dr.	Montclair	2bd/2b 1st Open!	\$248,000
Mason-McDuffie, G. Boomer 339-9290			
6217 Merriewood Dr.	Montclair	2bd/1ba	\$245,000
Pacific Union, Suzanne Linford 339-6460			
3488 Margarita	Oak Knoll	3bd/2ba Trad.	\$245,000
Wells & Bennett, Betty Shabian 531-9061			
4021 Eleton	Glenview	3bd/1b Bungalow	\$242,500
Better Homes, Anida Weyl 481-0727			
4493 Montgomery St.	Townhouse	2b/2 1/2 Reduced!	\$240,000
Mason-McDuffie, P. Cornford 339-8888			
3961 Vale Avenue	Dutch Colonial	2bd/1ba	\$239,500
Mason-McDuffie, B. Randall 339-8888			
6348 Heather Ridge	Needs TLC	2bd Upslope	\$239,000
Gadsby & Assoc., Margaret Gadsby 748-5305 OPEN 2-4			
4400 Pampas Avenue	Bay View!	3bd/2 1/2ba	\$238,000
Century 21 Gateway 655-2700, Cynthia Waters 436-8014			
7110 Homewood Drive	Contemporary	Cozy, Solarium	\$235,000
The GRUBB Co., Sally Morrison 339-0400			
3921 Fruitvale	Lincoln Hts.	2+bd/1ba	\$234,900
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460			
109 Mountain Valley	Sequoyah Hts.	3bd/2ba	\$229,900
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460			
4051 Maybelle	Laurel Starter	2+bd Cul-de-sac	\$229,000
Better Homes, Dell M. Orr 339-8400 x 241			
4436 Hyacinth	Split Level	3bd Charming!	\$229,000
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174			
3931 Everett Avenue	Glenview	4bd/2ba	\$229,000
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460			
3350 Guido St.	Redwood Heights	3bd/1ba Patio	\$229,000
Mason-McDuffie, M. Bauer 339-9290			
5843 Thornhill	Montclair	2+bd/1ba	\$229,000
Fox & Carskadon, Marcel Nadonski 339-8666			
2514 Castello	Spanish Med.	3bd/1ba	\$225,000
Wells & Bennett, Marianne Jamison 655-9615			
2921 McKillop	Lower Glenview	2+2 Tudor	\$219,000
Mason-McDuffie, V. Landes 339-9290			
607 Chetwood St.	Rose Garden	2bd/1ba	\$219,000
Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460			
9040 Sage Road	Sequoyah Hts.	2bd/1 Ranch	\$2